

Hymns – 17th May

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- 1 Hail the day that sees him rise,
Alleluia,
to his throne above the skies;
Alleluia,
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given,
Alleluia,
enters now the highest heaven.
Alleluia!
- 2 There for him high triumph
waits;
lift your heads, eternal gates.
He hath conquered death and sin;
take the King of Glory in.
- 3 Lo, the heaven its Lord receives,
yet he loves the earth he leaves;
though returning to his throne,
still he calls mankind his own.
- 4 See, he lifts his hands above;
see, he shews the prints of love;
hark, his gracious lips bestow
blessings on his church below.
- 5 Still for us he intercedes,
his prevailing death he pleads;
near himself prepares our place,
he the first-fruits of our race.
- 6 Lord, though parted from our
sight,
far above the starry height,
grant our hearts may thither rise,
seeking thee above the skies.

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- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the
sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to
shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no
more.
- 2 People and realms of every
tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest
song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he
reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his
chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.
- 4 To him shall endless prayer be
made,
and praises throng to crown his
head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.
- 5 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

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- 1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
 first-begotten from the dead,
 thou alone, our strong defender,
 liftest up thy people's head.
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 Jesu, true and living bread.
- 2 Here our humblest homage pay
 we,
 here in loving reverence bow;
 here for faith's discernment pray
 we,
 lest we fail to know thee now.
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 thou art here, we ask not how.
- 3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
 as of old in Bethlehem,
 here as there thine angels hail thee,
 branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 we in worship join with them.
- 4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering,
 finished
 once for all when thou wast slain,
 in its fullness undiminished
 shall for evermore remain,
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 cleansing souls from every stain.
- 5 Life-imparting heavenly manna,
 stricken rock with streaming side,
 heaven and earth with loud
 hosanna
 worship thee, the Lamb who died,
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 risen, ascended, glorified!

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- 1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
 Saviour, Master, King!
 Lord of heaven, our lives
 sustaining,
 hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
 the high renown, the eternal
 name.*
- 2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
 Son of Man on earth!
 power and majesty concealing
 by your humble birth:
- 3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-
 treated,
 victim crucified!
 death is through the cross
 defeated,
 sinners justified:
- 4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
 high in heaven above!
 sin and death and hell shall never
 stifle hymns of love:
- 5 So, our hearts and voices raising
 through the ages long,
 ceaselessly upon you gazing,
 this shall be our song: