

Suggested Hymns for Anglicare Sunday

Together In Song

665 Jesus Christ is waiting
687 God gives us a future
288 Not the powerful, not the privileged
690 Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair
414 There's a spirit in the air
618 What does the Lord require
459 In Christ there is no east or west

Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing

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Christ over all, our undivided aim.
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,
the will that lacks the courage to be free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the Church, we seek a Father's blessing,
a true repentance and a faith restored,
a swift obedience and a new possessing,
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,
unnumbered voices with a single prayer:
the living water for our souls' reviving,
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the Church, we long for our uniting,
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,
one in the truth of Jesus and his word.
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,
one Church triumphant one new song shall sing,
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting King!

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926—

MUSIC: LONDONDERRY AIR Irish traditional melody harmonised by Donald Davison 1937—

Daring, dancing Trinity

Lord, your love has called to being
all that fills the earth below,
myriad stars beyond our seeing,
tiniest creatures that we know;
earth and air and fire and water
woven in the grand design,
witness to the final meaning
of your love for human kind.

Human lives are made for sharing;
joined in trust and truth we grow,
speech of silence opening pathways
to the hearts we seek to know.
Welcome love, by your renewal
worn out ways turn upside down;
weak is strong, success is failure,
and the wise becomes the clown.

From your self we take our nature,
Maker, parent, love divine.
Bound into your life we flourish,
leaves and branches of the vine.
Through the Christ we see your pattern,
life surrendered, life restored:
echoing through all creation
sounds the spirit's deep accord.

Love releases us for taking
one more risk than we might dare;
glory breaks through dark and danger,
shows the Lord transfigured there.
God who planted our affections,
help your gifts to grow more free,
fan in us the fires of loving,
daring, dancing Trinity.

WORDS: Michael Hare Duke 1925-2014 (former Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, Scottish Episcopal Church)

MUSIC: BLAENWERN William Penfro Rowlands 1860-1937

Church of God, elect and glorious

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holy nation, chosen race;
called as God's own special people,
royal priests and heirs of grace:
know the purpose of your calling,
show to all God's mighty deeds;
tell of love which knows no limits,
grace which meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness
into God's most marvellous light;
brought God's truth of life within you,
turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
that God's name is glorified;
and all find fresh hope and purpose
in Christ Jesus crucified.

Once you were an alien people,
strangers to God's heart of love;
but God brought you home in mercy,
citizens of heaven above.
Let God's love flow out to others,
let them feel a Father's care;
that they too may know God's welcome
and God's countless blessings share.

Church of God, elect and holy,
be the people God intends;
strong in faith and swift to answer
each command your master sends:
royal priests, fulfil your calling
through your sacrifice and prayer;
give your lives in joyful service —
sing God's praise, God's love declare.

WORDS: James Sneddon 1915-1983

MUSIC: AUSTRIA Adapted from Franz Joseph Haydn 1732-1809