Wednesday - Hymns

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Hymn. 258

Oft to every man and nation
Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of Truth with falsehood,
For the good or evil side.
A great cause, God's new Messiah,
Shows to each the bloom or blight,
So can choice be made by all men
Twixt the darkness and the light.

New occasions teach new duties,
Time makes ancient creeds uncouth;
They must upward still and onward
Who would keep abreast of Truth,
And serenely down the future
See the thought of men incline
To the side of perfect justice
And to God's supreme design.

Though the cause of evil prosper,
Yet 'tis Truth alone is strong;
Though her portion be the scaffold,
And upon the throne be wrong,
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadow
Keeping watch above His own.

O, he whom Jesus loved has truly spoken, That holier worship, which God deigns to bless, Restores the lost, and heals the spirit broken, And feeds the widow and the fatherless.

Then, brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother, For where love dwells, the peace of God is there: To worship rightly is to love each other; Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of him whose holy work was doing good;
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

Hymn. 524

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Like a river that runs to the ocean,
Like a ray reaching out from the sun,
Like a branch and the tree, a drop and the sea,
I and my Father are one.

And may each of us claim it as truly
As Jesus, who came as God's son,
And may each of us know in the depths of our soul,
I and my Father are one.

One in beauty, one in truth,
One in the asking, one in the proof,
One in time and one in space,
One in the goodness that flows from God's grace.

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Though our fears may estrange and divide us,

May we seek to dissolve them through love. We are sister and brother, each bound to the other, One with our Father above.

One in purpose, one in power,
One in the Spirit, blessing each hour,
One in kindness, one in peace,
One in the Mind that makes all trouble cease.

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