

403 (ELW) *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

1. Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: come, Holy Spirit, come.
2. To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the vine, to the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign: come, Holy Spirit, come.
3. With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the pow'r to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: come, Holy Spirit, come.

667 (ELW) *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

1. "Take up your cross," the Savior said, "if you would my disciple be; forsake the past, and come this day, and humbly follow after me."
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight pervade your soul with vain alarm; his strength shall bear your spirit up, sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, nor let your foolish heart rebel; for you the Lord endured the cross to save your soul from death and hell.
4. Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for those who humbly bear the cross one day will wear the glorious crown.

250 (ELW) *Blest be the God of Israel*

1. Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree. So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.
2. With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall, the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all; that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.
3. My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way, to tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway. Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

737 (ELW) *He Comes to Us as One Unknown*

1. He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard; as though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown, a pulse of being stirred, a pulse of being stirred.
2. He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart; half-seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky of night within the heart, of night within the heart.
3. He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean's fume and foam; yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
4. He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth; to bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving name, for ev'ry child of earth, for ev'ry child of earth.
5. He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored; the Christ in all the scriptures shown, as yet unseen, but not unknown, our Savior and our Lord, our Savior and our Lord.