

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – On-Line - Friday, April 3rd HOPE

The Hymns for this morning.

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

1. Lord of hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could
destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the
day.

2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and
the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of
the day.

3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to
embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the
day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is
balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the
day.

A STREAM FLOWS

1. A stream flows,
Whispering inside me;
Deep within me it says:
Come to the Father,
Come to the Father.

2. A spark glows,
Glimmering inside me;
Deep within me it says:
Come to the Father,
Come to the Father.

3. A wind blows,
Gathering inside me;
Deep within me it says:
Come to the Father,
Come to the Father.

4. A hope grows,
Blossoming inside me;
Deep within me it says:
Rest in the Father,
Rest in the Father,
Rest in the Father.

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HOPE OF OUR CALLING

1. Hope of our calling: hope through courage
won;
By those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
We bring his Gospel to a waiting world.

2. Hope of our calling: hope with strength
empowered,
Inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
This call is ours, for we are chosen too,
To live for God in all we say and do.

3. Hope of our calling: hope with grace
outpoured,
From death's despair the gift of life restored;
Our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
To bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.

4. Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
To sow God's righteousness throughout the
world;
Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from
weeds,
The kingdom's harvest from a mustard seed.

5. Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.