

## February 18, 2024 Hymns

### 540. O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

1 O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

2 O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain,  
that morn shall tearless be.

4 O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.

### 693. Touch the Earth Lightly

1 Touch the earth lightly,  
use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care:  
gift of great wonder,  
ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

2 We who endanger,  
who create hunger,  
agents of death for all creatures that live,  
we who would foster  
clouds of disaster--  
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

3 Let there be greening,  
birth from the burning,  
water that blesses and air that is sweet,  
health in God's garden,  
hope in God's children,  
regeneration that peace will complete.

4 God of all living,  
God of all loving,  
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,  
teach us, deflect us,  
Christ reconnect us,  
using us gently, and making us one.

## 211. Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

1 Jesus walked this lonesome valley,  
he had to walk it by himself;  
O, nobody else could walk it for him,  
he had to walk it by himself.

2 We must walk this lonesome valley,  
we have to walk it by ourselves;  
O, nobody else can walk it for us,  
we have to walk it by ourselves.

3 You must go and stand your trial,  
you have to stand it by yourself,  
O, nobody else can stand it for you,  
you have to stand it by yourself.