

***HYMN TO SAINT PATRICK***

***[Tune: Derry Air / "Danny Boy"]***

***revised version***

**(1)**

**On this bright day / We praise you, good St. Patrick  
A man of God / Ireland's patron for so long  
You brought the faith / That has so well sustained us  
And in the face of hardship / Ever kept us strong  
And in your hand / You hold the blessed Shamrock:  
Three leaves to teach / The Triune Mystery  
As years have passed / Your lesson still inspires us:  
And by your teaching and example  
We have been set free!**

**(2)**

**And in our time / Perhaps now more than ever  
We ask your help / Beloved bishop still  
Your constant faith / And trust in God ne'er wavering  
Burn bright as Easter fire / On Tara's lofty hill  
We prayed for peace / Throughout your land of Erin  
We asked your help / That ancient wounds be healed  
And now we see / A new day's dawn is brightening  
Through peace you helped to gain  
God's mercy is once again revealed!**

**(3)**

**Stand with us now / Oh blessed friend and pastor  
Give us the strength / To right the wrongs we see  
Ask Heaven's grace / That Ireland's sons and daughters  
May fill the world / With peace and charity  
For everywhere / They fight the pagan forces  
The very same / You helped them once subdue  
Be with them now / As intercessor always  
And to the words of God's Dear Son  
May they stay true!**