

HYMN TO SAINT PATRICK

[Tune: Derry Air / "Danny Boy"]

(1)

ON THIS BRIGHT DAY
WE PRAISE YOU, GOOD ST. PATRICK
A MAN OF GOD
OUR 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
DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS
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 DISTANT 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 REVEALED!

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(3)

STAND WITH THEM NOW
OH BLESSED FRIEND AND PASTOR
AS THEY BEGIN
TO BUILD THEIR LAND ANEW
AND WE WHO ADD
OUR PRAYERS AND GOOD INTENTIONS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD -
WE PRAY YOU BLESS US TOO
FOR EVERYWHERE
WE FIGHT THE PAGAN FORCES
THE VERY SAME
YOU HELPED US ONCE SUBDUE
BE WITH US NOW
OUR INTERCESSOR ALWAYS
AND TO THE WORDS OF GOD'S DEAR SON
WE WILL STAY TRUE!

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