



1. O matchless beauty of our God
So ancient and so new,
Kindle in us Your fire of love
Fall on us the dew!

2. How late we came to love You, Lord,
How strong the hold of sin!
Your beauty speaks for all that is;
Your likeness pleads within.

3. You called and cried, yet we were deaf;
Our stubborn wills You bent;
You shed Your fragrance and we caught
A moment of its scent.

4. You blazed and sparkled, yet our hearts
To lesser glories turned,
Your radiance touched us far from home,
Your beauty in us burned!

5. And should our faith grow weak and fall,
Tried in the wilderness,
Let beauty blossom out of ash
And streams of water bless!

6. O matchless beauty of our God
So ancient and so new,
Enfold in us Your fire of love
Anoint us with Your dew!

S Augustine of Hippo 354 - 432

Tr Colin Thompson b 1945

Music: Oxford New

"Mr Coombes" ?d 1769

Published in Isaac Smith's Psalmody 1770

Offertory Hymn – sung after the Cherbuikon



1. Light of the minds that know Him:
May Christ be Light to mine;
My Sun is risen in splendour,
My Light of Truth divine;
My Guide in doubt and darkness,
My true and living Way,
My clear Light ever shining
My Dawn of Heaven's day.

4. May it be ours to know Him
That we may truly love,
And loving, fully serve Him
As serve the saints above;
Till in that home of glory
With fadeless splendour bright,
We serve in perfect freedom
Our Strength, our Life, our Light.



2. Life of the souls that love Him:
May Christ be ours indeed;
The living Bread from Heaven
On Whom our spirits feed;
Who died for love of sinners
To bear our guilty load,
And make of life's brief journey
A new Emmaus road.

Words: Timothy Dudley Smith b 1926
Based on a prayer by
S Augustine of Hippo 354 - 430
Music: Meirionydd
Later form of a melody
by W Lloyd 1785 - 1852



3. Strength of the wills
that serve Him:
May Christ be strength to me,
Who stilled the storm and tempest,
Who calmed the tossing sea;
His Spirit's power to move me,
His will to master mine,
His Cross to carry daily
And conquer in His sign.





Communion Hymn – sung once you are back from receiving Holy Communion

1. Jerusalem, my happy home,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Your joys when shall I see?
2. O happy harbour of the saints,
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In you no sorrow may be found,
No grief, no care, no toil.
3. Your gardens and your gallant walks
Continually are green;
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs
As nowhere else are seen.
4. There trees forevermore bear fruit
And evermore do spring;
There evermore the angels sit
And evermore do sing!
5. Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
God grant that I may see
Your endless joy, and of the same
Partaker ever be!

Words: Anon based on the writings of S Augustine of Hippo

Music: Albano

Vincent Novello 1781 - 1861

Final Hymn – sung after the devotion at the shrine of the BVM



Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley 1707 - 88
Music: Blawern
William Rowlands 1860 - 1937