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1. Abba! Abba! Father God!
You have filled us with Your love,
Abba! Abba! You are dear:
How we feel Your presence near.
2. Thou great Heart—Eternal Love—
Pour upon us from above
Freedom from each bond and chain,
That we may be Yours again.
3. As that son returned from sin
To the father's arms of love,
So we turn, O Lord, to Thee,
Ever in Thy Home to be.
4. In the night-time of our soul,
You have healed and made us whole;
You have banished pain and dread,
With Your hand our spirits fed.
5. All the longings of our heart
Bid us from this life depart
That our eyes Your glory see,
That we may be one with Thee.
6. Abba! Abba! Father God!
You have filled us with Your love,
Abba! Abba! You are dear:
How we feel Your presence near.
7. Abba! Abba! Father dear,
You will bring us yet more near;
Take us to Your heart of love,
Make us one with You above.

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New Creation Hymn Book 42*

I AM the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. *John 11:25, 26.*

I KNOW that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. *Job 19:25, 26, 27.*

WE brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord. *1 Tim. 6:7, Job 1:21.*

Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our refuge: from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made: you are God from everlasting, and world without end.

You turn man to destruction: again you say, Come again, you children of men.

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday: seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as you scatter them, they are even as a sleep: and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and grows up: but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in your displeasure: and are afraid at your wrathful indignation.

You have set our misdeeds before you: and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

For when you are angry all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are three-score years and ten; and though men be so strong, that they come to fourscore years: yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passes it away, and we are gone.

But who regards the power of your wrath: or your indignation according to the fear that is due to you.

So teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Turn again, O Lord, at the last: and be gracious to your servants.

O satisfy us with your mercy, and that soon: so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Comfort us again now after the time that you have plagued us: and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

Show your servants your work: and their children your glory.

And the glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper the work of our hands upon us, O prosper our handy-work.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Geoffrey Bingham: His Public Life and Ministry
Martin Bleby

Geoffrey Bingham: A Family Tribute
Liz Diment and Carol Leeder

1. Angel wings, beating my face,
Forcing me into grace.
Dear eyes, loving my soul,
Drawing me to the goal.

*Strong Word, piercing my brain,
Bringing me holy shame.
Pain's cry, welling within,
Lifting me out of sin.*

2. Red hands, clotted with blood,
Thrusting me up to God.
Angel wings, beating my face,
Forcing me into grace.

*Geoffrey Bingham 1943, 1981
New Creation Hymn Book 65*

A reading from *Bright Bird and Shining Sails*
Book 2, Chapter the Fifth

1 John 4:7–21
Jonathan Cannon

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this the love of God was

made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because he first loved us. If any one says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

John 14:1–18, 21, 26–27, 30–31
Mary-Grace Bingham

Jesus said: "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also;

henceforth you know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.

“I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you . . . He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him . . . If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him . . . the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid . . . I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.

Address
Ian Pennicook

1. Ah, strong strong love that binds my heart
In utter union with Thine own;
Which reaches down from glorious heights
And catches me unto the throne:
Ah, strong strong love, to Thee I fly,
Who catcheth me to dwell on high.
2. When birth had come and all was new,
When time on wings of glory flew,
When all around were those who loved,
And on my spirit breathed the Dove,
That strong strong love held me in pain
Till I had died and lived again.
3. When sin's morass brings horror dark,
When heart's engulfed in vision stark,
When soul's a-pant for sight of Thee,
Thou sendest pain of Calvary;
Ah, strong strong love that stoops from high
And bids me to Thy bosom fly.
4. When all around is sin and pain,
And death is near and life is vain,
Thy glory breaks from out the tomb
As new life issues from its womb,
And I am caught to You on high,
Where strong strong love can never die.
5. Ah, God of pain, ah, God of love,
Ah, Father, Son and Heavenly Dove,
Ah, strong strong love that binds with chain
And woos my heart from all that's vain;
My heart responds in love to Thee,
And ever shall, eternally.

*Geoffrey Bingham 1990
New Creation Hymn Book 30*

The Committal

MAN that is born of a woman has but a short time to live, and is full of trouble. He comes up, and is cut down, like a flower; he flees like a shadow, and never continues in one stay.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of you, O Lord, who for our sins are justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

You know, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not your merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, you most worthy judge eternal, let us not, at our last hour, from any pains of death, to fall from you.

FORASMUCH as it has pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to take unto himself the soul of our dear *brother* here departed, we therefore commit *his* body to be buried; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our lowly body, that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying to me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so says the Spirit: for they rest from their labours.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father in heaven, Hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, As we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give you hearty thanks, that it has pleased you to deliver this our *brother* out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching you, that it may please you, of your gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of your elect, and to hasten your kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of your holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believes shall live, though he die; and whosoever lives, and believes in him, shall not die eternally; who also has taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in him: We meekly beseech you, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, as our hope is this our brother does; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in

your sight; and receive that blessing, which your well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear you, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world: Grant this, we beseech you, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. ***Amen.***

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. ***Amen.***

1. One day we'll see Him face to face,
And then our hearts will beat as one,
That day we'll know the glory of His grace,
As we on earth have never known.
2. Sometimes we are surprised by joy,
Sometimes a bliss unbidden comes,
And in that moment of enriching love
Come intimations of our home.
3. Our hearts are gladdened in this world,
When grace gives sudden sights of love,
But oh! how richer when our hearts in hope
Reach out to fuller bliss above.
4. 'Tis then the sights of heaven abound,
And flood our tired hearts of pain,
The tears of wonder flow in ecstasy,
And we are fully home again.

5. The years of sorrow and of strife,
The sin that brought a holy shame,
The guilt our hearts could never wholly hide
Will never visit us again.

6. Dear Lover, Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Our present life is hid in Thee,
But oh! the wonder when we are unveiled
In glory of our liberty.

7. Till then we live in present hope,
In patience of the coming sight,
And those who share with You Your glory now,
We then will meet with great delight.

8. Delight and bliss and joy and love,
As now our hearts cannot contain,
Will flood us as we see Him face to face
And we are wholly one again.

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Loved by his wife Laurel

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