



# Hymn of the Week

September 29, 2019 • 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Thy Holy Wings

**Text:** Carolina Sandberg, tr. Gracia Grindal, and original text by Gracia Grindal.

“Probably Lina Sandell’s third most popular hymn in Sweden today, this evening prayer had been lost by the Swedish Lutherans in this country, although many remembered it from their childhood. While I was looking for a hymn to be sung at my first godchild’s baptism, I found this one in a Swedish collection of songs and changed the language to make it appropriate for baptism, which is not in the original. Since then it has become a standard baptism hymn. I added the second stanza for my nephew Karl Theodore Grindal in 1986 and since then have added several more as new grand-nieces have come along.”

–Gracia Grindal

**Music:** BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune, arr. David Ashley White.

**Topics:** Baptism, Comfort, Peace (inner), Protection

**Scripture references:** Psalm 51:10, 73:26, 91:4, 119:114; I Peter 3:18–22

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# Thy Holy Wings, O Savior

Thy holy wings, O Savior,  
spread gently over me  
and let me rest securely  
through good and ill in thee.  
O be my strength and portion,  
my Rock and hiding place.  
And let my ev'ry moment  
be lived within thy grace.

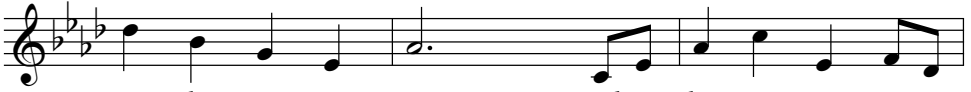
O let me nestle near thee,  
within thy downy breast  
where I will find sweet comfort  
and peace within thy nest.  
O close thy wings around me  
and keep me safely there,  
for I am but a newborn  
and need thy tender care.

O wash me in the waters  
of Noah's cleansing flood.  
Give me a willing spirit,  
a heart both clean and good.  
And take into thy keeping  
thy children great and small,  
and while we sweetly slumber,  
enfold us one and all.

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1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread  
 2 O let me nes - tle near thee, with -  
 3 O wash me in the wa - ters of



gent - ly o - ver me, and let me rest se -  
 in thy down - y breast where I will find sweet  
 No - ah's cleans - ing flood. Give me a will - ing



cure - ly through good and ill in thee. O  
 com - fort and peace with - in thy nest. O  
 spir - it, a heart both clean and good. O



be my strength and por - tion, my Rock and hid - ing  
 close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly  
 take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and



place, and let my ev - ery mo - ment be  
 there, for I am but a new - born and  
 small, and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en -



lived with - in thy grace.  
 need thy ten - der care.  
 fold us one and all.

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