

Hymn of the Week

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Are You Weary of Your Burden

Text: John Mason Neale, 1862; adapt. Richard Leach, 1997.

Text by John Mason Neale, 1862, inspired by Stephen the Sabaite (725–794); adapted by Richard Leach. "I found this very moving text while reading through a collection of John Mason Neale's hymns. A few words and phrases were outdated and odd-sounding. I did this adaptation to bring it into the present and make it of use." –Richard Leach

Music: Wales, David Ashley White, 2002.

Tune named for Suzanne and Kenneth Wales, patrons of the composer.

Stephanos, Henry Williams Baker, 1868. (PD)

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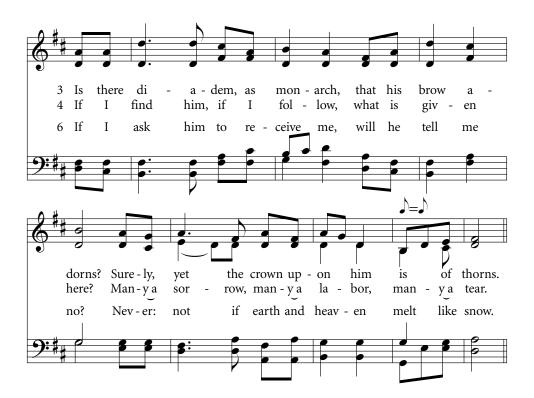
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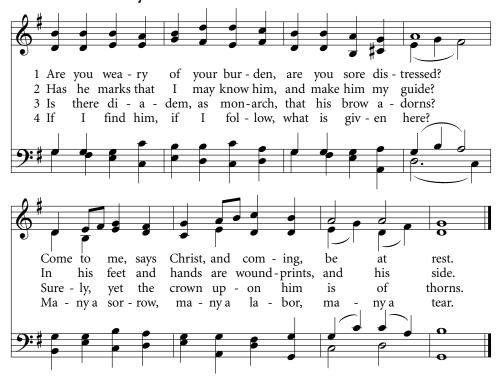


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- 5 If I still hold closely to him, what has he at last? Sorrow vanquished, labor ended, Jordan passed.
- 6 If I ask him to receive me, will he tell me no? Never: not if earth and heaven melt like snow.
- 7 Finding, following, keeping, struggling, is he sure to bless?
 Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs answer, Yes.

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Are you weary of your burden, are you sore distressed? Come to me, says Christ, and coming, be at rest.

Has he marks that I may know him, and make him my guide? In his feet and hands are wound-prints, and his side.

Is there diadem, as monarch, that his brow adorns? Surely, yet the crown upon him is of thorns.

If I find him, if I follow, what is given here? Many a sorrow, many a labor, many a tear.

If I still hold closely to him, what has he at last? Sorrow vanquished, labor ended, Jordan passed.

If I ask him to receive me, will he tell me no? Never: not if earth and heaven melt like snow.

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