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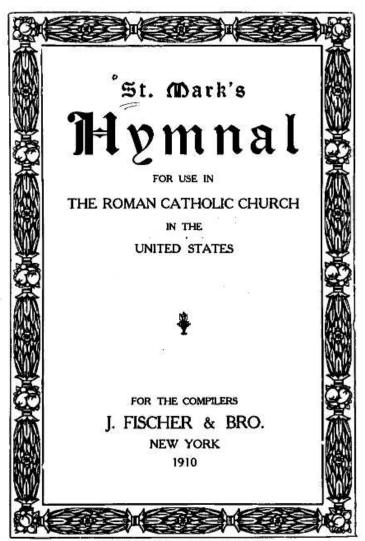
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PREFACE

Of all external influences experience affords, there is none more potent than music. Not without reason has it been called the speech of angels. Music liberates the emotions and gives wings to daily life. Trials are smoothed away, weariness is forgotten, if the heart sings, and men have gone blithely into the very jaws of death with a song upon their lips. Throughout countless ages God's praise has been voiced in song; the whole realm of music holds no greater riches than the hymns of the Church. The poets of the early Church lived so close to God that their hymns are as deathless as the Church Herself, and the songs of Anatolius, Prudentius, Fortunatus, Bernard of Cluny, Joseph of Exeter, and their fellows are as sweet, as clear, as deep, as strong, as inspiring, as when first they were given voice.

A hymn is valued by its inspirational force, and the music to which it is set should be an expression of the sentiment of the hymn, should color that sentiment, not detract from it. The compilers of this hymnal have been at great pains to bring about this happy blending of words and music, essential to reverence and devotion. That the music might reveal more clearly the meaning of the words, and at the same time be singable and of a quality to appeal alike to the trained musician and the natural lover of song, has been the editors' aim. The children of our schools have been constantly in mind in the preparation of the work; let it be remembered that while children cannot, of necessity, grasp the full significance of many of these hymns, yet no hymn that children cannot sing will have a wide appeal to their elders. The hymns of the Church are the children's birthright and should not be denied them. Receiving them in youth, they will find them an ever unfolding treasure as the years go by.

Never has the Church had greater occasion for service than to-day; never has the world had greater need of Her service, and in that service the Church may find rich use for the love of song God has put in men's hearts to draw them closer to Him. Many a weary wanderer may echo Father Faber's words, "the music of the Gospel leads us home."

For all His children, young and old, this book has been prepared, and is here dedicated to the services of Holy Church, the honor of the Blessed Mother, and the Glory of God.

St. Mark's Parish, Peoria, Ill. Candlemas Day, 1910.



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- We wait in faith, and turn our face
 To where the daylight springs,
 Till Thou shalt come our gloom to chase,
 With healing in Thy wings.
- O Father, that we ask be done Through Jesus Christ, our Lord; Great One in Three and Three in One, Forever be adored.

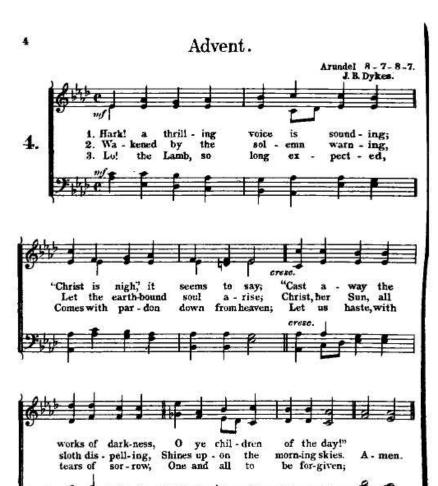
Amen.

From the Latin.



4. By Thine own eternal Spirit,
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Amen.
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4. So when next He comes with glory, Wrapping all the world in fear, May He with His mercy shield us, And with words of love draw near. Amen. From the Latin.