First Hymn

It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to be, that God's own Son should come from heaven, and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:
he chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled and mourned
and died
for love of those who loved him not.

But even could I see him die, I could but see a little part of that great love which like a fire, is always burning in his heart. It is most wonderful to know his love for me so free and sure; but 'tis more wonderful to see my love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord! O light the flame within my heart, and I will love thee more and more, until I see thee as thou art.

W. Walsham How 1823-97

The Choir verses from Psalm 80 in three sections - we all sing the response Show the light of your countenance O Lord God of Hosts and we shall be saved.

Offertory hymn

My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me, love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.

O, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die.

He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But O, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend.

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing; resounding all the day hosannas to their King. Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry

They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away; a murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay. Yet cheerful he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine; never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine! This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend Samuel Crossman 1624-83 Music: Love Unknown

Communion Hymn

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it, for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made. Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it – sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: "Jesus is Lord!"

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord! Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree. Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding – yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror; from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name. Jesus is Lord! God send his Holy Spirit to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

Words and Music D.J. Mansell

Final Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people's cry,
all who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright,
who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night,
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them: whom shall I send?

D.L. Schutte, SI (1981) Arranged by Michael Pope

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them:
whom shall I send?