



# HYMNS of HOPE FESTIVAL

St Michael's Church, Mitcham, SA



## 8 New Hymns of Hope

*A collection of Prize winning &  
highly recommended entries in*

### St Michael's Hymn Writing Project

*edited by*

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**FESTIVAL of HOPE**  
in Theology and the Arts

## *Preface*

St Barnabas College presented a *Festival of Hope in Theology and the Arts*, 10-16 February 2025, inviting parishes across Adelaide to host hope-themed events.

St Michael's Parish Mitcham welcomed the opportunity to host:

### *Hymns of Hope Festival*

5pm Sunday 16th February.

As part of this Festival composers and hymn writers from parishes across Australia were invited to submit original hymns on the theme of *Hope*.

The 8 New Hymns of Hope in this booklet have been chosen from the 27 submissions received for St Michael's 'Hope Hymn Project.' Entries came from around Australia and one from United Kingdom. They were divided into 2 categories:

**Category A:** New hymn text / Known hymn tune

**Category B:** New hymn text / Newly composed tune

A panel of judges was chosen from experienced clergy, church musicians, and poets, to assess the submissions.

### **Judging Panel:**

- Rev'd Assoc Prof Matthew Anstey. Parish Priest St Theodore's, Toorak Gardens.
- Ann Nadge. Priest's Warden, Lay Reader St Columba's, Hawthorn. Published poet.
- Andrew Georg. Organist St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide.
- Grant Eaton. Music Director St Michael's, Mitcham.

### **Judging Criteria:**

1. **Alignment with the Theme:** the hymn evokes a sense of *Hope* consistent with Christian Faith, Living and Worship.
2. **Theological Depth:** the text is biblically grounded and theologically sound.
3. **Lyric Quality:** the text displays poetic beauty, accessibility, and singability.
4. **Suitability for Congregational Singing:** alignment to metre, phrase flow, memorability.
5. **Creativity:** brings fresh inspiration to the theme of *Hope* while remaining faithful to the rich tradition of Anglican hymn singing.

### **Awards:**

Four awards were given in each Category - 1st Prize, Runner up, and 2 Highly Recommended.

Archbishop Geoff Smith announced the winning hymn writers and presented certificates to those present at the Hymn Festival on February 16th.

1st Prize and Runner up hymns were sung at the Festival. All 8 awarded Hymns of Hope are included in this booklet.

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## 8 New Hymns Of Hope

### *Hymns of Hope Festival*

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#### HYMNALS:

TiS Together in Song  
NEH New English Hymnal

CP Common Praise  
CCLI Christian Copyright Licensing International

# 1. The Hope of the World

**Category A:**      **NEW HYMN TEXT / KNOWN TUNE**

**Award:**            **1st Prize**

**Hymn Writer:**    **Margaret Dingle**

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**TEXT:**

When came the birth of time and space,  
 the dark and growing world  
 gave birth to stars that in the dark  
 like lamps began to glow.

And from the fires and forge of space  
 this small blue planet rose,  
 and God's own self came down to us  
 and healed our sin and woe.

The Word came, human and divine,  
 the hope of all the world,  
 and with his resurrection was  
 the new creation born.

But still we wait the Kingdom's day  
 when its full flowering comes,  
 though like a tiny mustard seed  
 it lives in us and grows.

All glory to the Light of all,  
 the Light beyond our eyes,  
 that shines within our hearts and minds  
 and overcomes the dark.

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**MUSIC:**

Tune:            BISHOPTHORPE  
 Metre:        (C.M.)  
 Hymnal:      NEH 378 or CP 475

Record use: [Email](#)

## 2. Eternal God, we lift our eyes

**Category A:** NEW HYMN TEXT / KNOWN TUNE

**Award:** Runner up

**Hymn Writer:** Henry Davis

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**TEXT:**

Eternal God, we lift our eyes to see you  
 Shine in our darkness by your mercy's light  
 We hear your call: "In Christ I come to free you"  
 A gleam of hope within the dead of night.  
 We hear your call: "In Christ I come to free you"  
 A gleam of hope within the dead of night.

Our Faithful Lord, the world without is broken  
 And deep within we feel sin's painful sting  
 Yet in our souls your words of life are spoken  
 The Spirit will your grace and comfort bring.  
 Yet in our souls your words of life are spoken  
 The Spirit will your grace and comfort bring.

Shepherd and Friend, please hear our cries of weakness  
 As day by day we walk the narrow road  
 Fill us with joy and power in times of bleakness  
 Dwell in our hearts and bear our heavy load.  
 Fill us with joy and power in times of bleakness  
 Dwell in our hearts and bear our heavy load.

Redeemer, come! We long for glory's morning  
 Free from death's curse and brought through trials past  
 Flowing with praise, behold the new day dawning  
 When we shall meet you face to face at last  
 Flowing with praise, behold the new day dawning  
 When we shall meet you face to face at last

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**MUSIC:**

Tune: FINLANDIA - from 'Finlandia' by Jean Sibelius  
 Metre: 11.10.11.10.11.10  
 Hymnal: TiS 123 or CP 384

Record use: [Email](#)

### 3. Hope for the World

**Category A:**      **NEW HYMN TEXT / KNOWN TUNE**

**Award:**            **Highly Recommended**

**Hymn Writer:**    **Rev'd John Carrol**

#### TEXT:

The Word of God is truth and life  
 For those who hear it conquer strife  
 With opened ear, and heart and mind  
 Wholeness and strength they truly find

In bread and wine with faith received  
 The humble meet the One believed  
 In His mem'ry, they do his bid  
 Repentant hearts from sin are rid

A people gathered celebrate  
 The Word and Sacrament so great  
 Within them love with brightness shines  
 A world in pain sees hope enshrined

May they with faith go forth in peace  
 To tell to all from great to least  
 Together to the world proclaim  
 In Jesus Christ is life again

#### MUSIC:

Tune:            WINCHESTER NEW  
 Metre:          88.88   LM  
 Hymnal:        TiS 270   or   NEH 12   or   CP 34

Record use: [Email](#)

## 4. Hymn of Hope

**Category A:** **NEW HYMN TEXT / KNOWN TUNE**

**Award:** **Highly Recommended**

**Hymn Writer:** **Cynthia Kennedy**

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### TEXT:

The love of God arrived on Earth  
 And gave us hope with Jesus' birth.  
 This child who lived in peace and love  
 Was promised by our God above.

The messenger fulfilled the word  
 From God which ancient prophets heard.  
 His word became our bread of life  
 And hope our strength in peace or strife.

Our faith in Christ supports our days  
 Sustains our prayers and guides our ways.  
 Hope is assured for those who mourn  
 And God gives hope anew each dawn.

The Holy Spirit dwells in all  
 Delivers hope and heeds our call.  
 Hope gives us strength with eagles' wings  
 And we rejoice with love that sings.

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### MUSIC:

Tune: TALLIS' CANON  
 Meter: 88.88 LM  
 Hymnal: TiS 558 or NEH 244

Record use: [Email](#)

## 5. Hope in God, Who Is My Help

**Category B: NEW HYMN TEXT / NEW COMPOSITION**

**Award: 1st Prize**

**Composer: Andrew Mintern**

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### TEXT

### Hope in God, Who Is My Help

A Contemporary Interpretation of Psalm 42/43

*REFRAIN:*

O my soul, don't be cast down.  
 Hope in God, who is my help and praise God once again.

*Verse 1:*

As a deer longs for running water,  
 so my soul longs for you.  
 Night and day my soul cries out to you the living God.

*REFRAIN:*

O my soul, don't be cast down.  
 Hope in God, who is my help and praise God once again.

*Verse 2:*

When the fears of the world weigh heavy,  
 when there seems no hope.  
 I will pour out my heart in prayer and trust your loving care.

*REFRAIN:*

O my soul, don't be cast down.  
 Hope in God, who is my help and praise God once again.

*Verse 3:*

Lead me Lord to your holy places  
 in your refuge I'll dwell.  
 You, O Lord, are my only hope, in you I'll place my trust.

*REFRAIN:*

O my soul, don't be cast down.  
 Hope in God, who is my help and praise God once again.

Words written and adapted by Andrew Mintern

Record use: [Email](#)



## MUSIC

# Hope In God, Who Is My Help

A Contemporary Interpretation of Psalm 42/43

Words written and adapted by A. Minter

Music by A. Minter

**REFRAIN:**

♩ = 108

F Dm Am Bb

Oh my— soul, don't be cast down.

5 Gm Bb C<sup>7</sup> F **Fine**

Hope in God, who is my help— and praise God once a - gain.

**VERSES:**

9 Gm C F Dm Gm C F A<sup>7</sup>

1. As a deer longs for run - ning wa - ter, so my soul longs for you.  
 2. When the fears of the world weigh hea - vy, when there seems no— hope.  
 3. Lead me Lord to your ho - ly pla - ces in your ref - uge I'll dwell.

13 Gm C<sup>7</sup> F C Dm C Bb C(sus4) C

Night and day my— soul cries out to you— the liv - ing— God.  
 I will pour out my heart in prayer and trust— your lov - ing— care.  
 You, O Lord, are my on - ly hope, in you— I'll place my— trust.

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## 6. Open Your Heart

**Category B: NEW HYMN TEXT / NEW COMPOSITION**

**Award: Runner up Prize**

**Composer: Becky Llewellyn**

TEXT

### Open Your Heart

*Refrain*

*Open your heart and pray to God,  
who hears your inner pleas.  
Have hope that you are not alone.  
Your prayer, God hears and sees.*

1. You call on us, dearest God  
to learn Christ Jesus' love  
for people lost and broken.  
Send us your grace from above.

*Refrain*

2. Christ came that we all might find  
the good news we can live.  
You grown in us. You change us.  
Guide us to love and to give.

*Refrain*

3. We call on you, help us God  
to go through life with care.  
We'll follow Christ, his teachings.  
Your healing peace we will share.

*Refrain*

Words and Music by Becky Llewellyn

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## MUSIC

# Open Your Heart

A new hymn for Hope25

Words and Music  
by Becky Llewellyn

$\text{♩} = 112$

*Refrain*

O - pen your heart and pray to God, who hears your in - ner pleas.

*Fine*

Have hope that you are not a - lone. Your prayer, God hears and sees.

*Verses*

1. You call on us, dear - est God to learn Christ  
2. Christ came that we all might find the good news  
3. We call on you, help us God to go through

Je - sus' love for peo - ple lost and brok - en.  
we can live. You grow in us. You change us.  
life with care. We'll fol - low Christ, his teach - ings.

Send us your grace from a - bove.  
Guide us to love and to give.  
Your heal - ing peace we will share.

*Refrain  
Refrain  
Refrain*

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## 7. Trinity Prayer

**Category B:** NEW HYMN TEXT / NEW COMPOSITION

**Award:** Highly recommended

**Composer:** Anna Zweck

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TEXT

### Trinity Prayer

God of love so deep and precious  
God who gave your son to earth  
Still our hearts and minds and bodies,  
hushed to hear your voice  
Still our hearts and minds and bodies,  
hushed to hear your voice

Christ who healed and reconciled us,  
we have found our path in you  
Teach us how to serve each other,  
praying as we do  
Teach us how to serve each other,  
praying as we do

Spirit joyful, Spirit gracious  
Thank you for the fruit you give  
Help us see your pow'r at work,  
respond in how we live  
Help us see your pow'r at work,  
respond in how we live

We are one and we are many,  
searching for the way in you  
Show us where you need us, we are  
here to do your will  
Show us where you need us, we are  
here to do your will

Words and Music by Anna Zweck

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## MUSIC

## Trinity Prayer

Hope '25 Hymn - Piano and Guitar setting

♩=76-84 Reflectively

Words and Music by Anna Zweck

C C<sup>maj7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup>/B G C G/B C C/E F Am G<sup>7</sup>(add4)

1. God of love so deep and pre-cious God who gave your son to earth  
 2. Christ who healed and re - con-ciled us, we have found our path in you  
 3. Spir - it joy - ful, Spir - it grac-ious Thank you for the fruits you give  
 4. We are one and we are man - y, search - ing for the way in you

5 C/E G<sup>7</sup>/D F C/E F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C G/B C G<sup>11</sup>/D G/B C(add2) C/E C

Still our hearts and minds and bod - ies, hushed to hear your voice \_\_\_\_\_  
 Teach us how to serve each oth - er, pray - ing as we do \_\_\_\_\_  
 Help us see your pow'r at work, re - spond in how we live \_\_\_\_\_  
 Show us where you need us, we are here to do your will \_\_\_\_\_

9 Am G<sup>7</sup> F Am<sup>11</sup>/E F C/E G<sup>7</sup>/D C/E G Am G<sup>7</sup>/B G C

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## 8. Where There's Hurt / Heed His Call

**Category B:**      **NEW HYMN TEXT / NEW COMPOSITION**

**Award:**          **Highly recommended**

**Composer:**      **Allan Leslie McDougall**

TEXT

### Where There's Hurt / Heed His Call

Where there's hurt and deep despair,  
 when life seems too hard to bear,  
 where all hope just fades away,  
 and dark thoughts cloud every day.  
 Where there's broken hearts to mend,  
 what help can the Lord then send?  
 In each town and home and street,  
 we are the Lord's hands and feet.

Listen to the Lord's command,  
 this is what he does demand.  
 Go to help where there is need,  
 where there's hungry mouths to feed,  
 where the sick lie in distress,  
 where life seems an endless mess.  
 All God's servants need to know,  
 this is where we need to go.

Who will the Lord choose to send,  
 to the one who needs a friend?  
 Where it's dark who will bring light,  
 sharing hope that casts out night?  
 Showing love to those in pain,  
 helping hearts made whole again.  
 For God's servants, for us all,  
 now's the time to heed his call.

Words and Music by Allan Leslie McDougall

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## MUSIC

## Where There's Hurt / Heed His Call

Words and Music by Allan Leslie McDougall

1. Where there's hurt and deep des - pair, when life seems too hard to bear,

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where all hope just fades a - way, and dark thoughts cloud ev - 'ry day.

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Where there's brok - en hearts to mend, what help can the Lord then send?

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### **Resources**

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The composers and Hymn writers with submissions to this booklet have agreed for their hymns to be copied and used in Australian churches during "HOPE25". Email links to the 8 hymn writers are included at the bottom of each of their hymns. As a courtesy and encouragement to them, we suggest an email be sent to them if their hymn is used in your church.

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