O Thou Before Whose Presence

DAY OF REST 7s & 6s D.

1. O Thou before whose presence
   Naught evil may come in,
   Yet who dost look in mercy
   Down on this world of sin;
   O give us noble purpose
   To set the sin-bound free,
   And Christ-like tender pity
   To seek the lost for Thee.

2. Fierce is our subtle foe-man:
   The foes at his hand
   With woes that none can number
   De-spoil the pleasant land;
   All they who war against them,
   In strife so keen and long,
   Must in their Savior’s armor
   Be stronger than the strong.

3. So hast Thou wrought among us
   The great things that we see:
   For things that are we thank Thee,
   And for the things to be.
   For bright hope is uplifting
   Faint hands and feeble knees,
   To strive beneath Thy blessing
   For greater things than these.

4. Lead on, O love and mercy,
   O purity and pow’r,
   Lead on till peace eternal
   Shall close this battle-hour;
   Till all who pray’d and struggled
   To set their brethren free,
   In triumph meet to praise Thee
   Most Holy Trinity. Amen.