

A CITY STRONG WE CLAIM AS OURS

based on Isaiah 26.1–4; 7, 8

A CITY strong we claim as ours,
salvation seen in walls and towers.
Fling wide the gates! the way prepare
for faithful hearts to enter there.

Our hearts and minds on God be stayed
in perfect peace, and undismayed;
we look to him whose will is best
and in the Rock of Ages rest.

His righteous rule is still the same
and all our hopes are in his Name:
he guides our steps, his word we trust,
and walk with him whose ways are just.

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To God the Father praise belongs,
to God the Son we lift our songs:
with God the Spirit, One in Three,
to God shall endless glory be!

A HEART OF LOVE THE LORD DISPLAYS

based on the prophecy of Hosea

A HEART of love the Lord displays
to those he calls his own;
a Father's care from earliest days
in countless mercies shown:
our wayward hearts! when will they learn
to love and please him in return?

In trembling faith we here confess
our wandering and our sin;
we seek his face who, swift to bless,
can make us clean within:
with contrite words and hearts we come
to God our healing and our home.

For God is making all things new,
beneath his hand we thrive;
his mercies as the morning dew
to nourish and revive:
so may our souls his word embrace,
and grow in fruitfulness and grace.

We ask of God discerning eyes
to know and choose his ways;
to share the wisdom of the wise
in love and joy and praise:
and, knowing God, in him be blest,
and in his shadow find our rest.

A MAN TO CHRIST COMMITTED

St Barnabas

A MAN to Christ committed,
of open hand and heart,
by grace and nature fitted
to take his Master's part;
'Saint Barnabas' we name him
who spread the faith abroad,
whose gifts and call proclaim him
a herald of the Lord.

A leader wise, appointed
to tasks as yet unseen,
with strength and skill anointed,
a staff on which to lean;
a 'Son of Consolation',
he laboured, Spirit-filled,
by prayer and exhortation
the church of God to build.

An elder, skilled in teaching,
to nurture and defend,
who shared the work of preaching
and made of Paul a friend;
a faithful fearless pastor
whose theme was Christ alone,
he lived to serve his Master
and make his gospel known.

O Christ, the King of glory,
may we who hear your call
be heartened by the story
of Barnabas and Paul:
to know, with them, salvation;
their gospel still proclaim;
and share their adoration
for our Redeemer's Name.