Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hymnal 1982 no. 495 Melody: In Babilone 8 7. 8 7. D.

British spelling



Hail, thou once despisèd Jesus!

Hail, thou Galilean King!

Thou didst suffer to release us;

thou didst free salvation bring.

Hail, thou universal Saviour,

bearer of our sin and shame!

By thy merit we find favour:

life is given through thy Name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,

all our sins on thee were laid:

by almighty love anointed,

thou hast full atonement made.

All thy people are forgiven

through the virtue of thy blood:

opened is the gate of heaven,

reconciled are we with God.

Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,

there for ever to abide;

all the heavenly hosts adore thee,

seated at thy Father’s side.

There for sinners thou art pleading:

there thou dost our place prepare;

ever for us interceding,

till in glory we appear.

Worship, honour, power, and blessing

thou art worthy to receive;

highest praises, without ceasing,

right it is for us to give.

Help, ye bright angelic spirits,

all your noblest anthems raise;

help to sing our Saviour’s merits,

help to chant Emmanuel’s praise!

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