‘Thy kingdom come!’ on bended knee Hymnal 1982 no. 615

Melody: St. Flavian (original rhythm) C.M.



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the passing ages pray;

and faithful souls have yearned to see

on earth that kingdom’s day.

But the slow watches of the night

not less to God belong;

and for the everlasting right

the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills

the flags of dawn appear;

gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,

proclaim the day is near:

the day to whose clear shining light

all wrong shall stand revealed,

when justice shall be throned in might,

and every hurt be healed;

when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,

shall walk the earth abroad;

the day of perfect righteousness,

the promised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

Music: From *Day’s Psalter*, 1562