

Hymns to St. Therese

Tune: 7.6. 7.6 (D) (Ellacombe, Aurelia, King's Lynn)

Therese, the flame of love bright
Abided in your heart.
You listened still like Mary
And chose the better part.
You made yourself a dwelling
For Him who reigns above.
O sing for us your story,
Your canticle of love.

To live of love's your story,
A hidden life unknown,
Just like the tender Master
Who had no earthly home.
But love, your sole desire,
Transformed all time and space;
In every place and moment,
You found God's loving grace.

Your melody of love sung
Will find a welcome here;
Its descant's high resounding
Will cast out all our fear.
The God of love and mercy,
With whom you took delight,
Will be for us a shelter
By day and in our night. Amen.

The Community of Teresian Carmelites, Worcester, MA

Tune: 87.87. (D) (Ode to Joy, Hyfrydol, St. Columba, Dominus Regit, In Babilone)

St. Therese, the Little Flower
Chosen by the Lord above,
Light the spark of love within us,
Chosen flower, rose of love.
As we make our prayers and petitions,
Bring them to God's holy throne;
Let your perfume go before them,
Making our requests your own.

Sweet apostle of God's mercy,
In whose love you came to share,
You surrendered self completely
In your tasks and in your prayer.
Lead us to that lowly valley
Where the humble find their God;
Light our pathway, cheer our spirits,
Walking where the Master trod.

Confidence, abandonment,
Simplicity in us instill
That like you we may completely
Follow God's most tender will.
In the hours of great darkness,
Light the lamp of faith we need,
Trusting your eternal promise
That for us you'll intercede.

Sr. Debra-Therese Carroll

Tune: 11.11.11.5 (Christe Sanctorum, Herzliebster Jesu)

From clear high mansions of that shining palace
Where you enjoy the light of God's dear presence,
And plead our causes, mindful of your promise
Shower down your roses.

Roses of faith to shed its light supernal,
Roses of hope when obstacles surround us,
And for our strengthening in daily living
Roses of pure love.

Through your own childlike confidence and candor
Send us the rose of quietly discerning
Love of a Father, shining in each happening
Both sweet and bitter.

This be our portion, God forever blessed,
Father eternal, Son and Holy Spirit,
Whose is the glory which through all creation
Resounds forever.

Evening Prayer – www.thelittleflower.org

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From your bright place in heaven,
Thérèse, where you now reign,
Let fall a shower of roses,
Do not our prayer disdain.

Fair roses tinged with glory:
Faith's light, hope's glad desire,
Love's flame, so strong yet tender,
To set our hearts afire.

Send too the rose of childhood,
That trusting openness
Which finds in every moment
Our Father's will to bless.

We honor you, O Jesus,
Revealed to little ones,
With Father and blest Spirit
While course of ages runs.

Morning Prayer – Carmel - Oklahoma