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A Triptych of Hymns

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A Triptych of Hymns based on the metaphors for the Reign of God found in Dr. Voelz's *What Does This Mean?* Addendum 11-B.

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Suggested Tune: Rathburn

Though the battle is not ended,
 victory remains secure.
When life's trials are extended,
 we follow our leader dear.

Our foe rages still against us,
 full of guile and full of hate,
seeking some way to prevent us
 from approaching heaven's gate.

But our champion showed his power,
 wounded deep our ancient foe.
This he did in that dark hour
 on the cross so long ago.

Though now seems the tempter's hour,
 his might shall not last the night.
Jesus shall come forth in power –
 by his rule make all things right.

“Come quickly, Lord,” is what we pray,
 “reign to eternity.”

Suggested Tune: Dorothy

Christ already is victorious –
 already is all fulfilled.
All salvation is won for us –
 sinful nature has been killed.

Law and prophets pointed to him
 as the perfect, priestly king.
In their songs the people knew him,
 and his praises all did sing.

What he did was as was written
 in the ancient scriptures true:
by the law's sting was he smitten,
 as the prophets all foreknew.

Suggested Tune: Nun Danket All

The new world comes behind the old
still hidden for a time.

The new world does not yet unfold
its wondrousness sublime.

When Christ had come, he preached God's Word
to bring the reign of heav'n.

The blind then saw, the deaf then heard,
the dead then lived again.

But there are eyes which cannot see
and ears which cannot hear.

They do not know the blessings free
which still are drawing near.

And so, we wait for that great day
when all unveiled will be.

All the law's demands were ended –
all the promises are here.

Christ his broken world has mended
by his resurrection dear.