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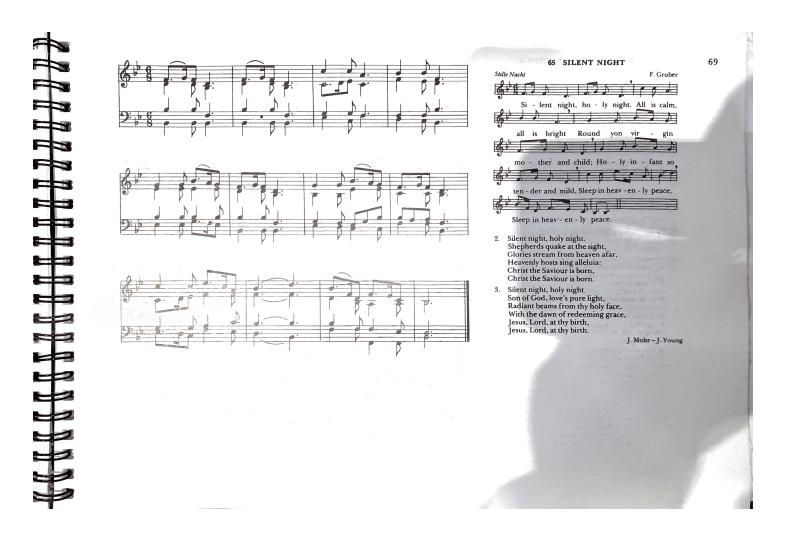
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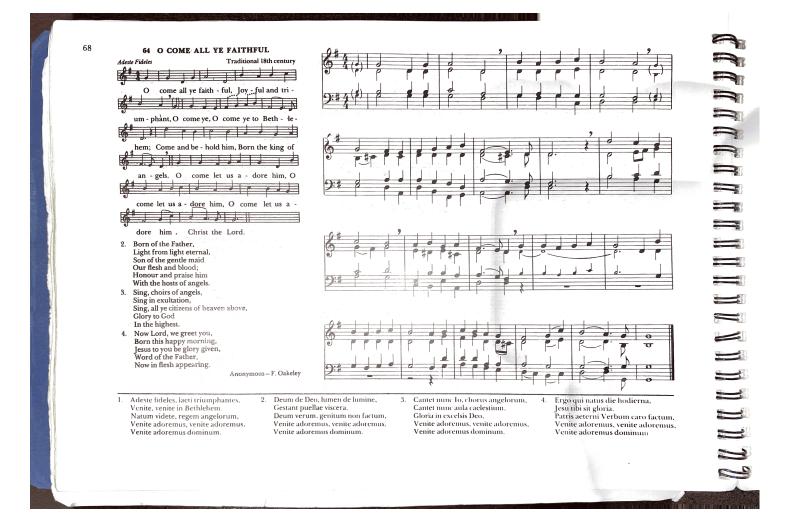


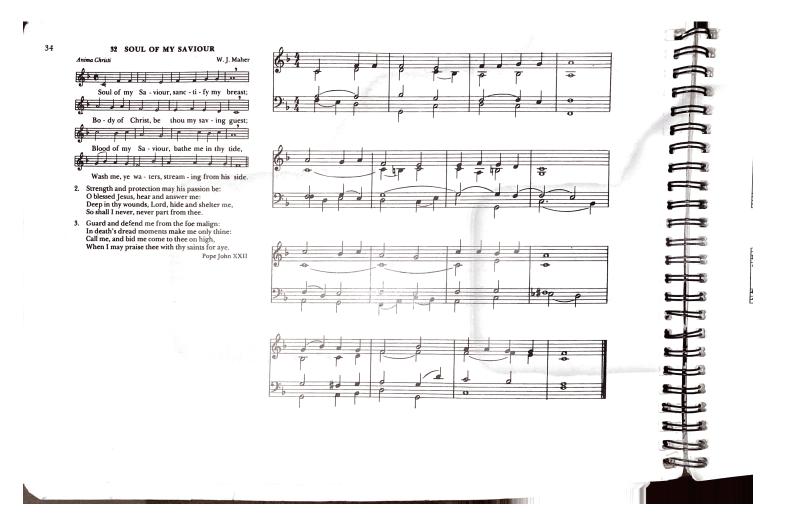
- 2. Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at his altar: Let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter. Christ the high priest bids us all joan in his feast, Victims with him on the altar.
- 3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us:
  Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend us:
- Ponder anew all the Almighty can do, He who with love will befriend us.
- Praise to the Lord, oh let all that is in us adore him! All that has life and breath, come now in praises before him
  Let the Amen sound from his people again,
  Now as we worship before him.

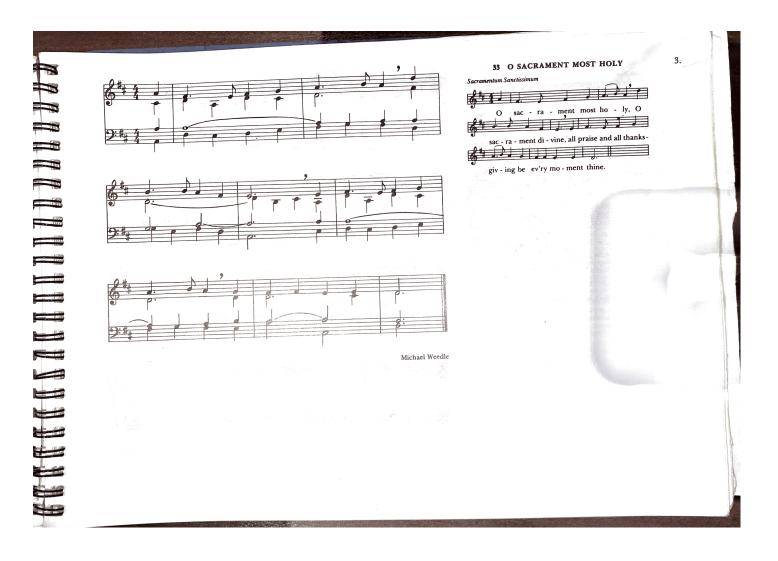
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One of the most significant provisions of the Liturgy Constitution of Vatican II was that which allowed the introduction of vernacular hymns into the Sacred Liturgy.

The years since the Vatican Council have witnessed a remarkable growth in the use of hymns, especially in the liturgy of the Mass. Not all of these have had the solemnity and dignity, either in words or music, proper to this central act of Christian worship and at present we may be said to be in the middle of a winnowing process in which, hopefully, the wheat will be separated from the chaff.

The present hymnal is meant to assist this process. One of the difficulties experiened in recent years has been the absence of a hymnal of sufficiently wide range to make easily accessible most of the hymns in current use. This hymnal fulfils that need. It contains 143 hymns in Irish and English, including both hymns hallowed by long usage in Ireland and many which have come to be known only in recent years. The selection has been arranged under separate headings, "Entrance hymns", "Communion hymns" and so on, but of course this is intended merely as a guide. Seán O Riada's hauntingly beautiful "Ag Crfost an síol" is suitable not merely as an Entrance hymn in Requiem Masses; "Holy God we praise thy name", while a "Te Deum", is often used as an Entrance hymn.

It is the hope of the editor that a worthwhile programme of hymns will be established throughout the country as a result of the widespread use of this hymnal.

This collection has been assembled with the collaboration of The National Commission for Sacred Music and The Irish Church Music Association and to congratulations to the editor must be added thanks to these bodies for their invaluable help.



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