

Hymns for 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 17th January

Opening Hymn

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on:

Refrain

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on a cross to die:

Refrain

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
But I am the dance, and I still go on:

Refrain

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

Refrain

Sydney Carter

Offertory Hymn

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the holy one is here
Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the holy one, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,
our radiant king of light.
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place. *David J. Evans*

During communion

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace. *Jacques Berthier*

Final Hymn

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid,
lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices the Lord is near.
This verse is repeated as the following verses are sung

You are my salvation.
I trust in you.
I shall not be afraid,
you are my strength,
you are my song.

The Lord is my Rock,
the Lord is my fortress.
My God, you are my refuge and my shield.

My God, you are at my right hand,
he is worthy of praise.
The Lord shall save me.
My soul shall sing to You,
your act and wondrous things O God.
Let me speak more,
let me speak more of your act O Lord.
Jacques Berthier