

JUDGE ETERNAL, THRONED IN SPLENDOUR

(words by **Henry Scott Holland** (1847-1918))

Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords¹ and King of kings,
With Thy living fire of judgment
Purge this realm² of bitter things;
Solace all its wide dominion
With the healing of Thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
For the hour that brings release;
And the city's crowded clangor
Cries aloud for sin to cease;
And the homesteads and the woodlands
Plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, Thine own endeavour;
Cleave our darkness with Thy sword;
Feed the faint and hungry heathen³
With the richness of Thy word;
Cleans the body of this nation⁴
Through the glory of the Lord.

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¹ In the hymn book *Congregational Praise*, verse 1 line 2 reads '*Lord of **hosts** and King of kings*,'.

² In the hymn books, '*realm*' is altered to '*land*' in verse 1 line 4.

³ Verse 3 line 3 reads '*Feed the **faithless** and the hungry*' in the modern version. The alteration from '*heathen*' to '*peoples*' appears in an internet version (www.ccel.org).

⁴ In verse 3 line 5, '*nation*' is a nice and commonly adopted alteration of '*empire*' in the original.