Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity ~ hymns for the day

Hymn 1 ~ Light's abode, celestial Salem

Light's abode, celestial Salem, vision whence true peace doth spring, brighter than the heart can fancy, mansion of the highest King;

O how glorious are the praises which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever alleluia is out-poured; for unending, for unbroken is the feast-day of the Lord; all is pure and all is holy that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud nor passing vapour dims the brightness of the air; endless noon-day, glorious noon-day from the Sun of suns is there; there no night brings rest from labour for unknown are toil and care.

Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud and honour to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run.

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Hymn 2 ~ Light of the minds that know him

Light of the minds that know him, may Christ be light to mine! My sun in risen splendour, my light of truth divine; my guide in doubt and darkness, my true and living way, my clear light ever shining, my dawn of heaven's day.

Life of the souls that love him, may Christ be ours indeed!
The living bread from heaven on whom our spirits feed; who died for love of sinners to bear our guilty load, and make of life's brief journey a new Emmaus road.

Strength of the wills that serve him, may Christ be strength to me, who stilled the storm and tempest, who calmed the tossing sea; his Spirit's power to move me, his will to master mine, his cross to carry daily and conquer in his sign.

May it be ours to know him that we may truly love, and loving, fully serve him as serve the saints above; till in that home of glory with fadeless splendour bright, we serve in perfect freedom our strength, our life, our light.

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