

I Bind unto Myself Today

St. Patrick's Breastplate

ST. PATRICK (L.M.D.)

From an ancient Irish hymn melody

Charles Villiers Stanford, 1902

Ascribed to St. Patrick, 372-466

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Unison

1. I bind un - to my - self to - day The strong name

of the Trin - i - ty, By in - vo - ca - tion

of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.

SUPPLICATION

2. I bind this day to me for - ev - er, By pow'r of
 3. I bind un - to my - self the pow'r Of the great
 4. *I bind un - to my - self to - day The vir - tues*
 5. *I bind un - to my - self to - day The pow'r of*
 6. A - gainst the de - mon snares of sin, The vice that
 7. A - gainst all Sa - tan's spells and wiles, A - gainst false

faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; His bap - tism in the
 love of Cher - u - bim; The sweet "Well done" in
of the star - lit heav - en, The glo - rious sun's life -
God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His
 gives temp - ta - tion force, The na - tural lusts that
 words of her - e - sy, A - gainst the knowl - edge

Jor - dan riv - er; His death on the Cross for my sal - va - tion;
 judg - ment hour; The serv - ice of the Ser - a - phim;
giv - ing ray, The white - ness of the moon at e - ven,
might to stay, His ear to heark - en to my need.
 war with - in, The hos - tile men that mar my course;
 that de - files, A - gainst the heart's i - dol - a - try,

His burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb; His rid - ing
 Con - fes - sors' faith, A - pos - tles' word, The Pa - triarchs'
The flash - ing of the light - ning free, The whirl - ing
The wis - dom of my God to teach, His band to
 Or few or man - y, far or nigh, In ev - 'ry
 A - gainst the wiz - ard's e - vil craft, A - gainst the

up the heav'n - ly way; His com - ing at the day of
 prayers, the Proph - ets' scrolls, All good deeds done un - to the
wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, *The sta - ble earth, the deep salt*
guide, His shield to ward; *The word of God to give me*
 place, and in all hours, A - gainst their fierce hos - til - i -
 death - wound and the burn - ing, The chok - ing wave, the poi - soned

doom; I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 Lord, And pu - ri - ty of vir - gin souls.
sea, A - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.
speech, His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.
 ty, I bind to me these ho - ly pow'rs.
 shaft, Pro - tect me, Christ, till Thy re - turn - ing.

DEIRDRE (I.M.)

Part 2

Adapted from an ancient Irish melody

8. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me, Christ be - fore me,
 Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,

Christ be - side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

Doxology to either part

Unison

9. I bind un - to my - self the name, The strong name of the

Trin - i - ty, By in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The

Three in One, and One in Three. Of whom all na - ture

hath cre - a - tion; E - ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word: Praise to the

Lord of my sal - va - tion, Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.