

A Hymn for a time of trial (COVID 19)

**A hymn written by Martin Rider who is a well known Local Preacher
and former MHA Chaplain at Waterside.**

**1. Praise to you, O God of healing
Through these times of fear and doubt:
Come to us, your grace revealing,
Till we've seen this crisis out.
'Eloi, Eloi, sabachthani!'
We now cry in helplessness,
Come now, Lord, and in your mercy
Comfort us in our distress.**

**2. For our doctors, nurses, medics,
All who strive to help us live:
For their selfless dedication,
Lord, to each our blessing give:
Grant to those who've died while tending
Others' needs throughout this strife,
Honour, praise and thanks unending –
Most of all, eternal life.**

**3. Lord, we pray for every nation:
Let your healing come to each.
Make the fullness of salvation
Known by all to whom you reach.
Give us faith when hope is failing;
Grant us courage to stand strong;
With our trust in Christ prevailing,
Triumph over all that's wrong.**

**4. For the trials of tomorrow:
For our darkness, bring us light.
In our brokenness and sorrow,
Offer healing, set things right.
Guide us through this tribulation
To the beauty of your peace;
Then, O Lord of every nation,
Shall our praises never cease.**

M. Rider 24th April, 2020 (to "Scarlet Ribbons" StF222 or "Dim ond Jesu" StF713, or "Kilve" StF703) – for the current situation – a hymn of thanksgiving will be forthcoming Deo volente!