

Hymn For Saint Mark

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1
Mark, evangelist and teacher,
youthful convert to Christ's band,
with the others spread the gospel
journeying from land to land.

3
Strong in purpose, firm in action,
one of twelve, yet man alone;
in his first of all the gospels
Christ's redemptive love is shown.

2
Symbolised by wingèd lion
– strength imbued with heavenly grace –
thus Saint Mark is represented
having earned an honoured place.

4
By the cross and resurrection
hope is given, faith is born;
those who follow as disciples
bear the cross, endure the scorn.

5
May we learn from Mark's example
though, like him, at times we fail;
Christ our risen Lord is with us –
Love transcendent will prevail.