I Bind Unto Myself Today  "St. Patrick's Breastplate"

Att. Patrick (372-466)  
tr.Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)  

Choir

1 I bind unto myself today the strong Name

Organ

of the Trinity by invocation

of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.
2 I bind this day to me for ev'ry, by pow'r of faith, Christ's
3 I bind unto myself the pow'r of the great love of
4 I bind unto myself today the virtues of the

2 Incarnation; his baptism in the Jordan river, his
3 cherubim; the sweet "Well done," in judgment hour, the
4 starlit heav'n, the glorious sun's life-giving ray, the

2 death on cross for my salvation; his bursting from the
3 service of the sepulchre; confessors' faith, a-
4 white dress of the moon at ev'n, the flashing of the

2 spiced tomb; his riding up the heavenly way; his coming
3 pestle word, the patriarchs' prayers, the prophets' scrolls; all good deeds
4 lightning free, the swirling wind's tempestuous shocks, the stable
2 at the day of doom: I bind unto myself today.
3 done unto the Lord, and purity of virgin souls.
4 earth, the deep-salt sea, around the old eternal rocks.

5 I bind unto myself today the power of God to

hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to stay, his

ear to hearken to my need; the wisdom of my
God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward; the word of 
God to give me speech, his heav'nly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, 
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,

Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, 
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three. Of
whom all nature hath creation, eternal

Father, Spirit, Word: praise to the Lord of

my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord.