

**I Need Thee, Precious Jesus**  
**Hymnal Survey 5-29-24**  
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The purpose of this survey was to determine which Catholic hymnals listed the hymn, how many verses, and what melody was used, composers, etc. More information about the composers can be found in the HYMN OF THE MONTH June, 2024 write-up.

1. 1887 – Sunday School Hymn Book, compiled by Sisters of Notre Dame, Philadelphia, 3 vs., page 71, melody (traditional melody) and words by a Sister of Notre Dame, captioned *I Need Thee, Gracious Jesus*
2. 1900 – Catholic School and Sodality Hymnal, compiled by George W. Gibbons, 3 vs., page 136, words only, captioned *I Need Thee, Precious Jesus*
3. 1907, and 1935 editions of the Sunday School Hymn Book, compiled by the Sisters of Notre Dame, published by Oliver Ditson Co., Boston, 3vs, # 51, traditional melody, captioned *I Need Thee, Gracious Jesus*
4. 1911 – St. Cecilia Hymn Book (Dublin), compiled by Aurthur De Meulemeester for the Redemptorists Fathers, #13, 3 vs., melody: old French Carol, captioned *I Need Thee, Heart of Jesus*
5. 1913, and 1921 editions of the American Catholic Hymnal, #258, 5vs., melody by Father L. Comire, S.J., words taken from the Catholic periodical A Voice from the Tabernacle, captioned *I Need Thy Heart, Sweet Jesus*
6. 1913 – De La Salle Hymnal, compiled by the Brothers of the Christian Schools (Christian Brothers), New York, 2 vs., melody by J. G. Marcks, captioned *I Need Thee, Gracious Jesus*
7. 1915 – The St. Paul Hymnal, compiled by the Diocese of St. Paul, Minn., #9, 3 vs., traditional melody, captioned *I Need Thee, Gracious Jesus*
8. 1919 – Holy Cross Church Hymnal, compiled for the Dioceses of Monterey and Los Angeles, page 60, 2 vs, words only, captioned *I Need Thee, Heart of Jesus*
9. 1920, and 1940 editions of the St. Gregory Hymnal and Choir Book, compiled by Nicola A Montani, #41, 3 vs., melody from a Slovak hymnal, arranged by Nicola Montani, captioned *I Need Thee, Heart of Jesus*
10. 1921, and 1948 editions of the Hymns Used by the Pupils of the Sisters of Notre Dame, Boston, #83, 3 vs, words only, captioned *I Need Thee, Gracious Jesus*
11. 1924, and 1944-50 editions of St. Mary’s Manual and Hymnal, compiled for the Diocese of Toledo, Ohio by Christian Zittel, #69, 3 vs., melody from Becker’s

- Gesangbuch., 1872, tune Dem Herzen Jesu singe, captioned *I Need Thee, Precious Jesus*
12. 1925 – Manual of Select Catholic Hymns and Devotions, compiled by Father P. M. Colonel, C. SS. R., #80, 4 vs., a new melody with no composers name, captioned *I Need Thee, Heart of Jesus*
  13. 1925 – Sursum Corda – A collection of hymns for the use of Catholic Schools, compiled by the Sisters of St. Francis, Stella Niagara, New York, organ accompaniment by Father Florian Zettel, O.F.M., #102, 3 vs, a new melody no composer name give, likely Fr. Zettel, captioned *I Need Thee*
  14. 1930 – Selected Hymns, words only, 2 vs., ref. Sunday School Hymn Book #51, captioned *I Need Thee, Gracious Jesus*
  15. 1930 – St. Joseph's Hymnal, compiled by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Dioceses of Detroit, #25, traditional melody, 3 vs., captioned *I Need Thee, Precious Jesus*
  16. 1932 – A Daily Hymn Book (London), no compiler information, published by Burns Oates & Washbourne Ltd., #312, 6 vs., melody by F. W. Helmsley, captioned *I Need Thee, Precious Jesus*, does not appear in the 1948 edition
  17. 1934, and 1935 – Easy Notation Hymnal – School Edition, compiled by William E. Campbell, M.A., PhD., #41, 2 vs., uses a number system for melody similar to solfege, ref. St. Gregory Hymnal and Choir Book, captioned *I Need Thee, Precious Jesus*
  18. 1935 – The Ordinary of the Mass and a Complete Manual of Hymns, compiled for the Parochial Schools of Philadelphia, page 58-59, 4 vs, words only, two versions captioned *I Need Thee, Precious Jesus*, and *I Need Thee, Heart of Jesus*
  19. 1942, and 1949 – Laudate Choir Manual, compiled by Father Joseph Hohe, completely revised by Father Herman j. Koch and Father Andrew Green, for the Diocese of Leavenworth, Kansas, #67, 3 vs., a new melody with no composer name, captioned *I Need Thee, Gracious Jesus*
  20. 1946 – Sing to the Lord, compiled by the Archbishop of Boston, Richard J. Cushing, D. D., #23, 3 vs., Slovak Melody from St. Gregory's Hymnal, arranged by Theodore Marier, captioned *I Need Thee, Precious Jesus*
  21. 1948 – Manual of Hymns for Catholic Schools, a collection of hymns compiled from St. Basil's, St. Gregory, Cantate Domino, Catholic Church, and American Catholic Hymnals, #77, 3 vs., words only, captioned *I Need Thee, Gracious Jesus*
  22. 1954 – St. Francis Parish Hymnal, compiled by the parish of St. Francis, Cleveland, Ohio, #53, 3 vs., melody ref. Sunday School Hymn Book # 51, captioned *I Need Thee, Heart of Jesus*