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Hymn Festival to be held at Plymouth on April 17

On Sunday, April 17, 2016, The Hymn Society in the US and Canada, in conjunction with the Brooklyn Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) will join to present *Water, River, Spirit, Grace*, a festival of hymns. Hosted by Plymouth Church through its Worship and Arts Ministry, with additional support from Grace Church Brooklyn Heights, the festival will begin at 5:00 pm in the Plymouth Sanctuary. There is no admission charge for the festival and a freewill offering will be collected. Planners and participants in the festival include Brooklyn Hymn Society and AGO members Jacque Jones, Pam McAllister, Robin Osborne Mooney, Bruce Oelchlager, Paul Richard Olson, Patricia Woodard, and Ellen Wright.

The works to be sung include a wide spectrum of congregational song reflective of the centrality of water and river imagery in Christian theology. Well-known hymns, such as "Come thou Fount of every blessing," "Shall we gather at the river?," and "Lord, when you came to the seashore" ("Pescador de hombres"), along with titles written in the last decade, will be sung. The festival honors the hymnody of many faith traditions, for the Hymn Society, like the AGO, is non-denominational. The festival will feature the choir of Grace Church Brooklyn Heights and several hymns will include liturgical dance presentations under the direction of Robin Osborne Mooney. All who love to sing or who believe that congregational song is an integral component of worship are encouraged to attend. Please tell your friends and neighbors and help us spread the word.