

CONFIRMATION HYMN

(Alternative tunes: Lux Eoi; Abbots Leigh.)

AMANDA (8.7.8.7.D)

Roger Tabor



Heav'nly Father, we adore you,
We, Christ's family on earth,
Bless our members who before you
Own the faith which brings rebirth.
With them we, our sins repenting,
Forswear evil, life to earn;
To our Saviour's love assenting,
Promising "to Christ we turn."

Now, in understanding woken,
In the love of Jesus grown,
Must baptismal vows be spoken,
Not by proxy, but their own.
As they speak in confirmation
Of their love, dear Lord, for you,
May in all this congregation
New-born love come shining through.

Passed through every generation
Of your Church, upon the way,
Peter's charge to preach salvation
Finds expression here today.
Through the ages without limit,
Down from ancient times and lands,
Flows the love of Christ in Spirit
Through the laying on of hands.

Lord, in joy we share the treasure
Of our faith, confirmed anew,
Greeting those who, to your pleasure,
Openly commit to you.
Send us forth with firm intention,
Living by the vows here said,
In the strength of Christ's redemption,
Succoured by his wine and bread.