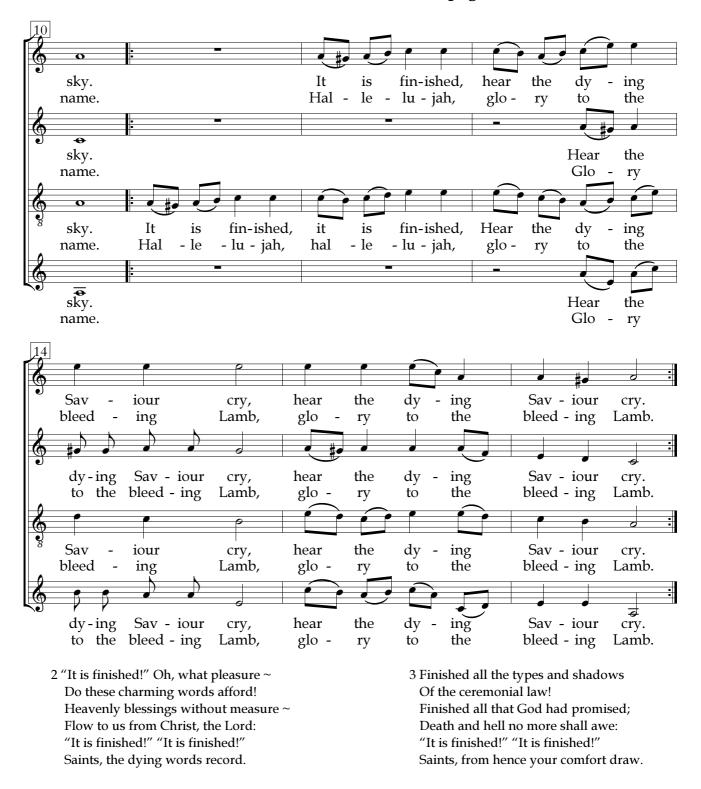
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Bristol is taken from a Welsh source 'Y Seraph', compiled by Rev. Evan Evans of Caerlleon and published in 1838, price 2s. 6d. A few of the 83 tunes are part of the West Gallery canon, but all the texts are in Welsh, several of which Evans may have translated from the English. It has not been possible to trace the composer of the tune, but the biblical source of the text was Daniel 3, 25. The words were by William Williams.

Williams' wonderful hymn 'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah', fitted both the 874 metre and the spirit of the translation from the Welsh of the Bristol tune text, but the connection with the late 19th century tune 'Cwm Rhondda' is so strong it seemed necessary to find an alternative form of words. Since there appear to be no settings of the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, we were pleased to find a text in 874 metre with a Midlands connection. Jonathan Evans was a Coventry born ribbon weaver who joined the congregation of Revd G. Burder in 1778. He began preaching at Foleshill in 1782, and ministered there from 1795 until his death in 1805. Repeat editorial. This setting © Shelwin Music, Oxford, 2006/2023.