

- 1 **Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,**
 give me joy in my heart, I pray;
 give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
 keep me praising till the break of day:
 Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
 Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
 Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
 Sing hosanna to the King!
- 2 Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
 give me peace in my heart, I pray;
 give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
 keep me loving till the break of day:
- 3 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
 give me love in my heart, I pray;
 give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
 keep me serving till the break of day:

Anonymous

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and others

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- 1 **Give me the faith which can remove**
and sink the mountain to a plain;
give me the childlike praying love,
which longs to build thy house again;
thy love, let it my heart o'erpower,
and all my simple soul devour.
- 2 I would the precious time redeem,
and longer live for this alone:
to spend, and to be spent, for them
who have not yet my Saviour known;
fully on these my mission prove,
and only breathe, to breathe thy love.
- 3 My talents, gifts, and graces, Lord,
into thy blessèd hands receive;
and let me live to preach thy word,
and let me to thy glory live;
my every sacred moment spend
in publishing the sinners' friend.
- 4 Enlarge, inflame, and fill my heart
with boundless charity divine:
so shall I all my strength exert,
and love them with a zeal like thine;
and lead them to thy open side,
the sheep for whom their Shepherd died.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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- 1 **Give me the wings of faith to rise**
within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.
- 2 Once they were mourners here below,
and poured out sighs and tears;
they wrestled hard, as we do now,
with sins and doubts and fears.
- 3 I ask them whence their victory came;
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.
- 4 They marked the footsteps that he trod;
his zeal inspired their breast;
and, following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.
- 5 Our glorious Leader claims our praise
for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses
show the same path to heaven.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

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1 **Give thanks to the Lord**, our God and King:

his love endures forever.

For he is good, he is above all things.

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

2 With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm

his love endures forever.

For the life that's been reborn,

his love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,

forever God is strong.

Forever God is with us,

forever.

Forever God is faithful,

forever God is strong.

Forever God is with us,

forever.

Forever.

3 From the rising to the setting sun,

his love endures forever.

By the grace of God, we will carry on,

his love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful ...

Chris Tomlin (b. 1972)

The lines of the verse may be alternated by a cantor and the congregation.

- 1 **Give to me, Lord, a thankful heart**
and a discerning mind;
give, as I play the Christian's part,
the strength to finish what I start
and act on what I find.
- 2 When, in the rush of days, my will
is habit-bound and slow,
help me to keep in vision still
what love and power and peace can fill
a life that trusts in you.
- 3 By your divine and urgent claim,
and by your human face,
kindle our sinking hearts to flame,
and as you teach the world your name
let it become your place.
- 4 Jesus, with all your Church I long
to see your kingdom come:
show me your way of righting wrong
and turning sorrow into song
until you bring me home.

Thomas Caryl Micklem (1925–2003)

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Giving it all to you,
giving it all to you,
no more hidden agenda,
giving it all to you.
Laying my burdens down,
bowing in full surrender,
kneeling before your cross,
giving it all to you.

Geraldine Latty (*b.* 1963)

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- 1 **Glorious things of thee are spoken,**
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
- 2 See! The streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove;
who can faint, while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage —
grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age?
- 3 Saviour, if of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading are our worldly pleasures,
all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

John Newton (1725–1807)

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1 **Glory be to God on high,**
and peace on earth descend:
God comes down, he bows the sky,
and shows himself our friend:
God the invisible appears:
God, the blest, the great I AM,
sojourns in this vale of tears,
and Jesus is his name.

2 Him the angels all adored,
their Maker and their King;
tidings of their humbled Lord
they now to mortals bring.
Emptied of his majesty,
of his dazzling glories shorn,
being's source begins to be,
and God himself is born!

3 See the eternal Son of God
a mortal son of man;
dwelling in an earthly clod,
whom heaven cannot contain!
Stand amazed, ye heavens, at this!
See the Lord of earth and skies;
humbled to the dust he is,
and in a manger lies.

4 We, earth's children, now rejoice,
the Prince of Peace proclaim;
with heaven's host lift up our voice,
and shout Immanuel's name;
knees and hearts to him we bow;
of our flesh and of our bone,
Jesus is our brother now,
and God is all our own.

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!

Gloria, gloria
in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria,
alleluia, alleluia!

Taizé Community

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- 1 **Glory to thee, my God, this night**
for all the blessings of the light;
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
beneath thine own almighty wings.
- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
the ill that I this day have done,
that with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
- 3 Teach me to live, that I may dread
the grave as little as my bed;
teach me to die, that so I may
rise glorious at the judgement day.
- 4 O may my soul on thee repose,
and may sweet sleep mine eyelids close —
sleep that shall me more vigorous make
to serve my God when I awake.
- 5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
my mind with heavenly thoughts supply;
let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
no powers of darkness me molest.
- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken (1637–1711)

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*Glory, glory, glory in the highest,
glory, glory, glory in the highest,
peace to all on earth.*

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

O Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.
For you are seated,
at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

You alone are the one,
you alone are Lord,
you alone are Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the

*glory, glory, glory of the Father,
glory, glory, glory of the Father,
glory of his name.*

Liturgical text
adapted from ICEL

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- 1 **Go to the world!** Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia!
- 2 Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia!
- 3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia!
- 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry, 'Amen!'
Alleluia!

Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955–1993)

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God beyond all names,
never fully known ;
Mystery of Mysteries,
calling us your own.

John L. Bell (*b.* 1949)

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- 1 **God forgave my sin in Jesus' name;**
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.
He said:
'Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give;
go in my name and because you believe,
others will know that I live.'
- 2 All power is given in Jesus' name
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his power as he told me to.
Refrain

Carol Owens (*b.* 1931)

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- 1 **God give us life**
when all around spells death
and some have died;
and few are clear that hope is near
or fate can be defied.
- 2 God give us love
in heart and hand
to hold the hurting one,
to free the anger, meet the need
and wait till waiting's done.
- 3 God give us skill,
insight and will
to find, when none are sure,
new threads to mend the web of life,
new means to heal and cure.
- 4 God give us faith,
should all else fail
and death unsheath its sting.
O help us hear, through pain and fear,
the songs that angels sing.
- 5 Then, in the end,
make death a friend,
and give us strength to stand
and walk to where no eye can stare,
but Christ can clasp our hand.

John L. Bell (*b.* 1949) and Graham Maule (*b.* 1958)

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- 1 **God grant us words to speak**
when words are all we bear
to ease the pain that others feel
and show our loving care.
- 2 And grant us words to weave
an armour of the mind,
to keep us sane within the hurts
that torment humankind.
- 3 And help us lean upon
the only perfect Word,
whose tears and anger showed his love
for sinners whom he cured.
- 4 Even upon the Cross
his thoughts amid death's strife
were for the ones whose pain he healed
by words of love and life.
- 5 Now we may grasp that sign
that is above all speech,
and struggle through the pain we feel
to own the hope we teach.

Alan Luff (*b.* 1928)

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God has spoken - by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging word;
each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holding fast:
God eternal reigns forever,
God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken - by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, ere time was born;
Light from Light, to earth descending,
Christ, revealing God to all.

God is speaking - by the Spirit,
speaking to our hearts again,
in the age-long word expounding
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith is standing fast;
God still speaks, the Word unchanging,
God the first, and God the last.

George Wallace Briggs (1875–1959)
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God, how can we forgive

when bonds of love are torn?
How can we rise and start anew,
our trust reborn?
When human loving fails
and every hope is gone,
your love gives strength beyond our own
to face the dawn.

When we have missed the mark,
and tears of anguish flow,
how can you still release our guilt,
the debt we owe?
The ocean depth of grace
surpasses all our needs.
A priest who shares our human pain,
Christ intercedes.

Who dares to throw the stone
to damn another's sin,
when you, while knowing all our past,
forgive again?
No more we play the judge,
for by your grace we live.
As you, O God, forgive our sin,
may we forgive.

Ruth C. Duck (b. 1947) Words: © 1996, The Pilgrim Press, 700 Prospect Avenue East,
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- 1 **God in his love for us lent us** this planet,
gave it a purpose in time and in space:
small as a spark from the fire of creation,
cradle of life and the home of our race.
- 2 Thanks be to God for its bounty and beauty,
life that sustains us in body and mind:
plenty for all, if we learn how to share it,
riches undreamed-of to fathom and find.
- 3 Long have our human wars ruined its harvest;
long has earth bowed to the terror of force;
long have we wasted what others have needed,
poisoned the fountain of life at its source.
- 4 Earth is the Lord's: it is ours to enjoy it,
ours, as God's stewards, to farm and defend.
From its pollution, misuse, and destruction,
good Lord, deliver us, world without end!

Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

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1 **God in my living,**
 there in my breathing,
 God in my waking,
 God in my sleeping.
 God in my resting,
 there in my working,
 God in my thinking,
 God in my speaking.

Be my everything.
Be my everything.
Be my everything.
Be my everything.

2 God in my hoping,
 there in my dreaming,
 God in my watching,
 God in my waiting.
 God in my laughing,
 there in my weeping,
 God in my hurting,
 God in my healing.

Be my everything. (4 times)

*Christ in me, Christ in me,
Christ in me, the hope of glory.
You are everything.*

*Christ in me, Christ in me,
Christ in me, the hope of glory.
Be my everything.*

*Be my everything.
Be my everything.
Be my everything.
Be my everything.*

You are everything. (4 times)

Jesus, everything. (4 times)

Tim Hughes

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1 **God is born among us:** earth receives the Christ child,
all the night awakens, light dispels the darkness.
Joyful angels raise an anthem singing praises to the heavens:
gloria, gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Joyful angels raise an anthem singing praises to the heavens:
gloria, gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

2 In the fields the shepherds heard the angel chorus:
‘leave your sheep, go quickly, Bethlehem is calling!’
There the Lord had come among us; God redeeming all
creation:
gloria, gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
There the Lord had come among us; God redeeming all
creation:
gloria, gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

3 All the hosts of heaven, all the heavenly powers,
tell the story clearly, but we are confounded.
This transcends our understanding, here in awe we gaze in
wonder:
gloria, gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
This transcends our understanding, here in awe we gaze in
wonder:
gloria, gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Polish carol *Gdy sie Chrystus rodzi*
translated by Andrew Pratt (*b.* 1948)

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God is here! As we his people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

- 1 **God is love:** his the care,
 tending each, everywhere.
 God is love — all is there!
 Jesus came to show him,
 that we all might know him:
 Sing aloud, loud, loud!
 Sing aloud, loud, loud!
 God is good!
 God is truth!
 God is beauty! Praise him!
- 2 None can see God above;
 neighbours here we can love;
 thus may we Godward move,
 finding him in others,
 sisters all, and brothers:
- 3 Jesus came, lived and died
 for our sake, crucified,
 rose again, glorified;
 he was born to save us
 by the truth he gave us:
- 4 To our Lord praise we sing —
 light and life, friend and king,
 coming down love to bring,
 pattern for our duty,
 showing God in beauty:

Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

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- 1 God is Love: let heaven adore him;
 God is Love: let earth rejoice;
 let creation sing before him,
 and exalt him with one voice.
 He who laid the earth's foundation,
 he who spread the heavens above,
 he who breathes through all creation,
 he is Love, eternal Love.
- 2 God is Love: and he, enfolding
 all the world in one embrace,
 with unfailing grasp is holding
 every child of every race.
 And when human hearts are breaking
 under sorrow's iron rod,
 then they find that selfsame aching
 deep within the heart of God.
- 3 God is Love: and though with blindness
 sin afflicts each human soul,
 God's eternal loving-kindness
 holds and guides and keeps them whole.
 Sin and death and hell shall never
 o'er us final triumph gain;
 God is Love, so Love for ever
 o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874–1939) (*alt.*)

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1 **God it was who said to Abraham,**
 ‘Pack your bags and travel on.’
 God it was who said to Sarah,
 ‘Smile and soon you'll bear a son.’
 Travelling folk and aged mothers
 wandering when they thought they'd done —
 this is how we find God's people,
 leaving all because of One.

2 God it was who said to Moses,
 ‘Save my people, part the sea.’
 God it was who said to Miriam,
 ‘Sing and dance to show you're free.’
 Shepherd-saints and tambourinists
 doing what God knew they could —
 this is how we find God's people,
 liberating what they should.

3 God it was who said to Joseph,
 ‘Down your tools and take your wife.’
 God it was who said to Mary,
 ‘In your womb, I'll start my life!’
 Carpenter and country maiden
 leaving town and trade and skills —
 this is how we find God's people,
 moved by what their Maker wills.

4 Christ it was who said, ‘Zacchaeus,
 I would like to eat with you.’
 Christ it was who said to Martha,
 ‘Listening's what you need to do.’
 Civil servants and housekeepers,
 changing places at a cost —
 this is how Christ summons people,
 calling both the loved and lost.

5 In this crowd which spans the ages,
 with these saints whom we revere,
 God wants us to share their purpose
 starting now and starting here.
 So we celebrate our calling,
 so we raise both heart and voice,
 as we pray that through our living
 more may find they are God's choice.

John L. Bell (*b.* 1949) and Graham Maule (*b.* 1958)

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*God loves you, and I love you,
and that's the way it should be.
God loves you, and I love you,
and that's the way it should be.*

- 1 You can be happy, and I can be happy,
 and that's the way it should be.
 You can be happy, and I can be happy,
 and that's the way it should be.
- 2 You can be very sad, I can be very sad,
 and that's the way it can be.
 You can be very sad, I can be very sad,
 and that's the way it can be.
- 3 We can love others like sisters and brothers;
 and that's the way it should be.
 We can love others like sisters and brothers;
 and that's the way it should be.

Anonymous

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- 1 **God moves in a mysterious way**
 his wonders to perform;
 he plants his footsteps in the sea,
 and rides upon the storm.
- 2 Come all you saints, fresh courage take,
 the clouds you so much dread
 are big with mercy, and shall break
 in blessings on your head.
- 3 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
 but trust him for his grace;
 behind a frowning providence
 he hides a smiling face.
- 4 His purposes will ripen fast,
 unfolding every hour;
 the bud may have a bitter taste,
 but sweet will be the flower.
- 5 Blind unbelief is sure to err,
 and scan his work in vain;
 God is his own interpreter,
 and he will make it plain.

William Cowper (1731–1800)

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- 1 **God of all power, and truth,** and grace,
 which shall from age to age endure,
 whose word, when heaven and earth shall pass,
 remains and stands for ever sure;
- 2 That I your mercy may proclaim,
 that all the world your truth may see,
 hallow your great and glorious name,
 and perfect holiness in me.
- 3 Your sanctifying Spirit pour
 to quench my thirst and make me clean;
 now, Father, let the gracious shower
 descend, and make me pure from sin.
- 4 Give me a new, a perfect heart,
 free from all doubt and fear at last;
 the mind which was in Christ impart,
 and let my spirit hold you fast.
- 5 O that I now, from sin released,
 your word may to the utmost prove,
 enter into the promised rest,
 the Canaan of your perfect love!
- 6 Now let me gain perfection's height,
 now let me into nothing fall,
 be less than nothing in your sight,
 and feel that Christ is all in all.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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- 1 **God of Eve and God of Mary,**
God of love and mother-earth,
thank you for the ones who with us
shared their life and gave us birth.
- 2 As you came to earth in Jesus,
so you come to us today;
you are present in the caring
that prepares us for life's way.
- 3 Thank you that the Church, our Mother,
gives us bread and fills our cup,
and the comfort of the Spirit
warms our hearts and lifts us up.
- 4 Thank you for belonging, shelter,
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
and for those who have no children,
yet are parents under God.
- 5 God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our brother, human Son,
Spirit, caring like a Mother,
take our love and make us one!

Fred Kaan (1929–2009)

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- 1 **God of forgiveness, your people you freed,**
and saw them return to idolatrous greed;
with anger against them, you righteously burned,
but then to compassion and forgiveness you turned.
- 2 God of forgiveness, the Saviour you sent,
proclaiming good news, with the call to repent.
With merciful love and forgiveness he came,
the lost and the headstrong to embrace and reclaim.
- 3 God of forgiveness, your power we implore,
with mercy and wholeness, our lives to restore.
Perverse and misguided, our souls we deprave;
O come, full of healing, with compassion to save.

Michael Forster (*b.* 1946)

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- 1 **God of grace and God of glory,**
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Heal your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 3 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878–1969)

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1 **God of justice, Saviour to all,**
came to rescue the weak and the poor;
chose to serve and not be served.
Jesus, you have called us.
Freely we've received, now freely we will give.

*We must go,
live to feed the hungry,
stand beside the broken,
we must go.
Stepping forward,
keep us from just singing,
move us into action,
we must go.*

2 To act justly every day,
loving mercy in every way,
walking humbly before you, God.
You have shown us what you require.
Freely we've received, now freely we will give.

Refrain (sung twice)

Fill us up and send us out,
fill us up and send us out,
fill us up and send us out, Lord.
Fill us up and send us out,
fill us up and send us out,
fill us up and send us out, Lord.

Refrain

Tim Hughes

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- 1 **God of my faith, I offer you my doubt,**
for life at times seems far too dark for me,
and my belief becomes more insecure,
when worldly cares produce uncertainty.
- 2 God of my hope, I offer you my fear,
when I am scared by my anxiety,
when all I hear is suffering and woe,
in all my shadows you will walk with me.
- 3 God of my joy, I offer you my grief,
when I sink down in sadness or despair,
when in depression I cannot be touched,
I pray in all my depths to find you there.
- 4 God of my love, I offer you my pain,
when I'm alone and feel nobody cares,
in aching age or in rejected youth,
you bear my cross and dry my human tears.
- 5 God of my life, I offer you my dreams,
light in the darkness where I hide from view,
light in my faith, my hope, my joy and love,
light in my life and all my life in you.

Colin Ferguson (*b.* 1937)

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*God said, God said world,
God said world and the world spun round.
God said, God said light,
God said light and the light beamed down.
God said night and the sky went black,
God said land and the sea rolled back.
God said, God said world,
God said world and the world spun round.*

1 God said leaf and the shoot pushed through,
 God said fin and the first fish grew,
 God said beak and the big bird soared,
 God said fur and the jungle roared.

2 God said breath and Adam stood there,
 God said life and Eve breathed air,
 God said good and the world was great,
 God said rest and they all slept late.

Steve Turner

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God to enfold you,
Christ to uphold you,
Spirit to keep you in heaven's sight;
so may God grace you,
heal and embrace you,
lead you through darkness
into the light.

John L. Bell (*b.* 1949)

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- 1 **God weeps**
 at love withheld,
 at strength misused,
 at children's innocence abused,
and till we change the way we love,
God weeps.
- 2 **God bleeds**
 at anger's fist,
 at trust betrayed,
 at women battered and afraid,
and till we change the way we win,
God bleeds.
- 3 **God cries**
 at hungry mouths,
 at running sores,
 at creatures dying without cause,
and till we change the way we care,
God cries.
- 4 **God waits**
 for stones to melt,
 for peace to seed,
 for hearts to hold each other's need,
and till we understand the Christ,
God waits.

Shirley Erena Murray (*b.* 1931)

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God, who made the stars of heaven,
God who spread the earth,
breath of every living being,
fount of life and birth,
you have formed a servant people,
led us by your hand.
Light of nations, shine in us;
brighten every land.

Living Christ, the light of nations,
radiant as the sun, build us up,
a growing body;
knit your Church as one.
May our loving be a witness
all the world may see.
Send your Spirit, bond of peace,
source of unity.

Spirit God, equip your people, all with gifts to share:
messengers to speak the gospel,
ministers of care.
So may valleys rise to greatness,
mountains be a plain.
Come, surprise us; change our lives;
heal each heart in pain.

So may nations praise your greatness,
do your will on earth,
free the captives from their prisons,
treat the poor with worth.
So may desert, coast and village
sing new songs to you.
Light of nations, fill the world,
making all things new.

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God with us: Creator, Father,
bringing everything to birth;
Mother of the whole creation,
fire of stars and life of earth:
down the countless years composing,
from the earth's evolving night,
love's response to love, and forming
mind and soul to seek your light.

God with us: Redeemer, Brother,
Friend for ever at our side,
here, in flesh, you walked among us,
taking up your cross, you died.
Crucified, despised, rejected,
Perfect Love, who shared our shame,
streaming from the cross,
your judgement, full of mercy,
clears our name.

God with us: Unwearied Spirit,
from the birth of time and space,
surging through unconscious being,
joyful, Life-Creating Grace:
through the centuries you find us;
you, as God, inspire our prayer;
Life and Power at work within us,
Love for ever, everywhere!

God, Transcendent, far beyond us,
closest Friend, unfailing Guide:
through the ages, wronged, affronted,
in your poor, still crucified!
God with us: convict, forgive us;
by your holy love destroy
all that hinders peace and justice: f
ill this aching world with joy!

- 1 **God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind**
how hate and war diminish humankind,
we pause — and seek in worship to increase
our knowledge of the things that make for peace.
- 2 Hallow our will as humbly we recall
the lives of those who gave and give their all.
We thank you, Lord, for women, children, men
who seek to serve in love, today as then.
- 3 Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn,
high hope to share with all the newly born,
strong love in our pursuit of human worth:
'lest we forget' the future of this earth.
- 4 So, Prince of Peace, disarm our trust in power,
teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower.
May we, im-passioned by your living Word,
remember forward to a world restored.

Fred Kaan (1929–2009)

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- 1 **God! When human bonds are broken**
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.
- 2 Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving
all the failures we confess.
- 3 You in us are bruised and broken:
hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.
- 4 Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.
- 5 Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God! Encourage and renew!

Fred Kaan (1929–2009)

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- 1 **God, beyond our dreams**, you have stirred in us a memory;
you have placed your powerful Spirit in the hearts of
humankind.
- All around us we have known you,
all creation lives to hold you.
In our living and our dying
we are bringing you to birth.*
- 2 God, beyond all names, you have made us in your image;
we are like you, we reflect you, we are woman, we are man.
- 3 God, beyond all words, all creation tells your story;
you have shaken with our laughter, you have trembled with our
tears.
- 4 God, beyond all time, you are labouring within us;
we are moving, we are changing in your Spirit ever new.
- 5 God of tender care, you have cradled us in goodness,
you have mothered us in wholeness, you have loved us into
birth.

Bernadette Farrell (*b.* 1957)

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- 1 **God, hold us, enfold us**, through desolate loss.
The sign of your love is your own empty cross.
The shock and the anger, the hopeless despair
are echoes of Calvary. God, meet us there!
- 2 God, hold us, enfold us, through long empty days,
when living is pointless, a meaningless maze.
We need you to listen to raging and tears,
to anguish and doubt, to remorse and to fears.
- 3 God, hold us, enfold us, by friends who can share
our sorrow and pain with compassionate care.
By their words, you speak out your loving concerns.
They hold us for you, while the tide of grief turns.
- 4 God, hold us, enfold us, till weeping has passed;
when flickering hope parts the shadows at last.
One step at a time you will help us to move
to face new horizons, held safe in your love.

Marjorie Dobson (*b.* 1940)

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- 1 **God, how can we forgive**
when bonds of love are torn?
How can we rise and start anew,
our trust reborn?
When human loving fails
and every hope is gone,
your love gives strength beyond our own
to face the dawn.
- 2 When we have missed the mark,
and tears of anguish flow,
how can you still release our guilt,
the debt we owe?
The ocean depth of grace
surpasses all our needs.
A priest who shares our human pain,
Christ intercedes.
- 3 Who dares to throw the stone
to damn another's sin,
when you, while knowing all our past,
forgive again?
No more we play the judge,
for by your grace we live.
As you, O God, forgive our sin,
may we forgive.

Ruth Duck (*b.* 1947)

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- 1 **God, when I came into this life**
you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself,
responding to your claim.
- 2 You give me freedom to believe;
today I make my choice
and to the worship of the Church
I add my learning voice.
- 3 Within the circle of the faith,
as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints
of future, present, past.
- 4 In all the tensions of my life,
between my faith and doubt,
let your great Spirit give me hope,
sustain me, lead me out.
- 5 So, help me in my unbelief
and let my life be true:
feet firmly planted on the earth,
my sights set high on you.

Fred Kaan (1929–2009)

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- 1 **God, whose almighty word**
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!
- 2 Christ, you have come to bring
on your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O to all humankind
let there be light!
- 3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!
- 4 Blessèd and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light!

John Marriott (1780–1825)

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- 1 **God, whose farm is all creation,**
 take the gratitude we give;
 take the finest of our harvest,
 crops we grow that all may live.
- 2 Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping,
 hopes and fears of sun and rain,
 all our thinking, planning, waiting,
 ripened in this fruit and grain.
- 3 All our labour, all our watching,
 all our calendar of care,
 in these crops of your creation,
 take, O God: they are our prayer.

Leslie Thomas John Arlott (1914–1991)

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- 1 **God, whose love is all around us,**
 who in Jesus sought and found us,
 who to freedom new unbound us,
 keep our hearts with joy aflame.
- 2 For the sacramental breaking,
 for the honour of partaking,
 for your life, our lives re-making,
 young and old, we praise your name.
- 3 From the service of this table
 lead us to a life more stable;
 for our witness make us able;
 blessing on our work we claim.
- 4 Through our calling closely knitted,
 daily to your praise committed,
 for a life of service fitted,
 let us now your love proclaim.

Fred Kaan (1929–2009)

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- 1 **God's spirit is in my heart;**
he has called me and set me apart.
This is what I have to do,
what I have to do:
*He sent me to give the good news to the poor,
tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
tell blind people that they can see,
and set the down-trodden free,
and go tell everyone
the news that the kingdom of God has come;
and go tell everyone
the news that God's kingdom has come.*
- 2 Just as the Father sent me,
so I'm sending you out to be
my witness throughout the world —
the whole of the world:
- 3 Don't carry a load in your pack;
you don't need two shirts on your back;
God's workers can earn their own keep —
can earn their own keep:
- 4 Don't worry what you have to say;
don't worry, because on that day
God's spirit will speak in your heart —
will speak in your heart:

v. 1 and refrain Alan T. Dale (1902–1979)

vv. 2-4 Hubert Richards (*b.* 1921)

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- 1 **Going home, moving on,**
through God's open door;
hush, my soul, have no fear,
Christ has gone before.
Parting hurts, love protests,
pain is not denied;
yet, in Christ, life and hope
span the great divide.
Going home, moving on,
through God's open door;
hush, my soul, have no fear,
Christ has gone before,
Christ has gone before.
- 2 No more guilt, no more fear,
all the past is healed:
broken dreams now restored,
perfect grace revealed.
Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again:
death destroyed, life restored,
love alone shall reign.
Going home, moving on,
through God's open door;
hush, my soul, have no fear,
Christ has gone before,
Christ has gone before.

Michael Forster (*b.* 1946)

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1 **Good news, good news** to you we bring,
 alleluia!
 News of great joy that angels sing,
 alleluia!

*Tender mercy he has shown us,
joy to all the world;
for us God sends his only Son,
alleluia!*

2 Let earth's dark shadows fly away,
 alleluia!
 In Christ has dawned an endless day,
 alleluia!

3 Now God with us on earth resides,
 alleluia!
 And heaven's door is open wide,
 alleluia!

Graham Kendrick (*b.* 1950)

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- 1 **Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,**
taught by you, we covet most,
of your gifts at Pentecost,
holy, heavenly love.
- 2 Faith that mountains could remove,
tongues of earth or heaven above,
knowledge, all things, empty prove
without heavenly love.
- 3 Prophecy will fade away,
melting in the light of day;
love will ever with us stay:
therefore give us love.
- 4 Love is kind, and suffers long,
love is meek, and thinks no wrong,
love than death itself more strong:
therefore give us love.
- 5 Faith, and hope, and love we see,
joining hand in hand, agree;
but the greatest of the three,
and the best, is love.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807–1885)

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- 1 **Great God, your love has called us here**
as we, by love for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed;
we come, with all our heart and mind,
your call to hear, your love to find.
- 2 We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.
- 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name,
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone;
we strain to glimpse your mercy-seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.
- 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends;
suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
- 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share;
give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do,
while love is making all things new.

(Lord God, your love has called us here)

Brian Wren (*b.* 1936)

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**Great is he who's the King of kings
and the Lord of lords,
he is wonderful!**

Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, he is wonderful!

Alleluia, salvation and glory,
honour and power, he is wonderful!

Anonymous

This song can be sung as a two- or three-part round.

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- 1 **Great is our redeeming Lord**
in power, and truth, and grace;
him, by highest heaven adored,
his Church on earth shall praise.
In the city of our God,
in his holy mount below,
publish, spread his name abroad,
and all his greatness show.
- 2 For your loving-kindness, Lord,
we in your temple stay;
here your faithful love record,
your saving power display.
With your name your praise is known,
glorious your perfections shine;
earth's remotest bounds shall own
your works are all divine.
- 3 See the gospel Church secure,
and founded on a rock;
all her promises are sure;
her bulwarks who can shock?
Count her every precious shrine;
tell, to after-ages tell:
fortified by power divine,
the Church can never fail.
- 4 Zion's God is all our own,
who on his love rely;
we his pardoning love have known,
and live to Christ, and die.
To the new Jerusalem
he our faithful guide shall be:
him we claim, and rest in him,
through all eternity.

- 1 **Great is the darkness that covers the earth,**
 oppression, injustice and pain.
 Nations are slipping in hopeless despair,
 though many have come in your name.
 Watching while sanity dies,
 touched by the madness and lies.
 Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,
 pour out your Spirit we pray,
 come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,
 pour out your Spirit on us today.
- 2 May now your Church rise with power and love,
 this glorious gospel proclaim.
 In every nation salvation will come
 to those who believe in your name.
 Help us bring light to this world
 that we might speed your return.
- 3 Great celebrations on that final day
 when out of the heavens you come.
 Darkness will vanish, all sorrow will end,
 and rulers will bow at your throne.
 Our great commission complete,
 then face to face we shall meet.

Gerald Coates (*b.* 1944) and Noël Richards (*b.* 1955)

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Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise,
the city of our God, the holy place,
the joy of the whole earth.
Great is the Lord in whom we have the victory,
he aids us against the enemy,
we bow down on our knees.

*And Lord, we want to lift your name on high,
and Lord, we want to thank you,
for the works you've done in our lives ;
and Lord, we trust in your unfailing love,
for you alone are God eternal,
throughout earth and heaven above.*

Steve McEwan

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- 1 **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,**
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be:
 Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
 Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.
- 2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love:
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Thomas O. Chisholm (1866–1960)

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- 1 **Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,**
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore;
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open thou the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream shall flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717–1791)

translated by Peter Williams (1727–1796)

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