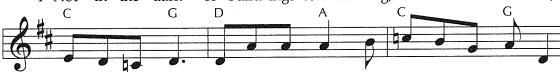
Here in This Place

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- 1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
- 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van - ished a - way; yearn for your face. bread of new birth. light years a - way: see in this space our fears and our dream-ings We have been sung through-out all of his-tory, Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



the light this day. brought here to you in of called to be light to the whole hu - man race. salt for the earth. call a - new to be us the king - dom, and now is the day. now



the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er the in, Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er the in, Gath-er in, the wine of com-pas-sion; give us eat the Give us to drink and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er and Gath-er us in



blind and the lame; proud and the strong; bread that is you; make us your own; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



shall a - rise at the sound of our name. we give us the cour-age to en ter the song. lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

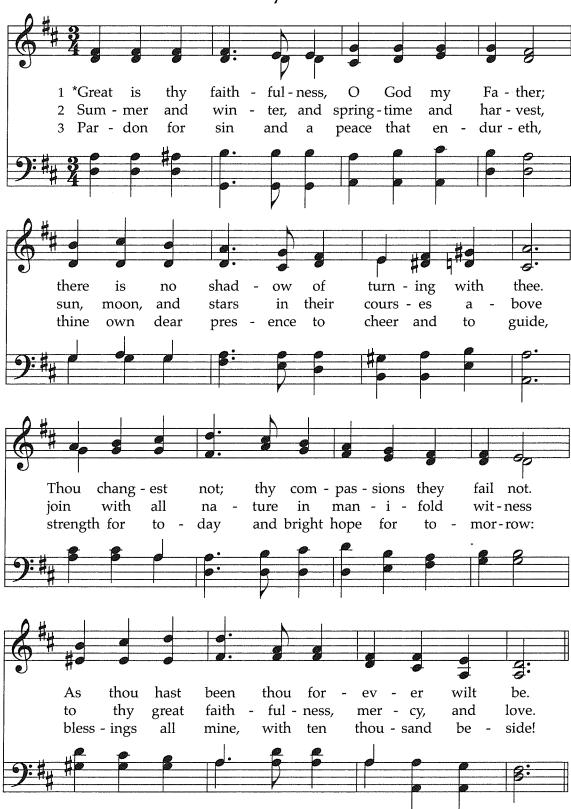
Doxology



TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551 OLD HUNDREDTH

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness



*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.



We All Are One in Mission



A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.