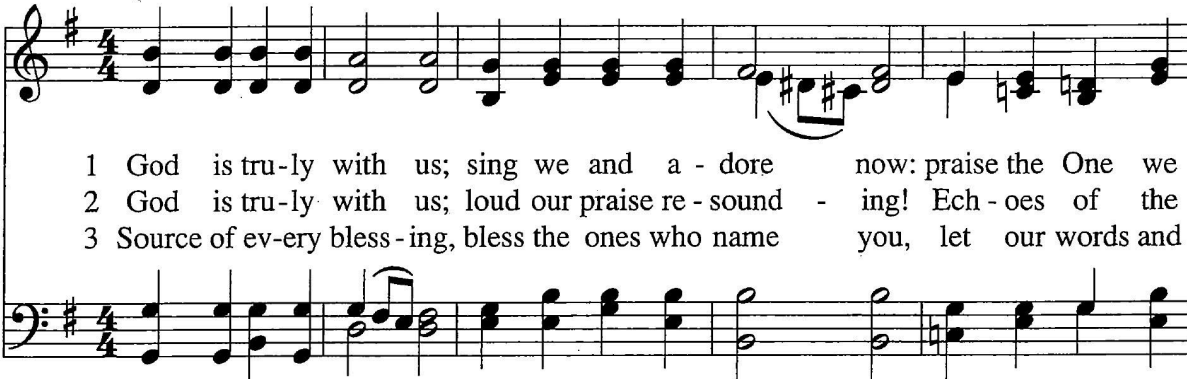


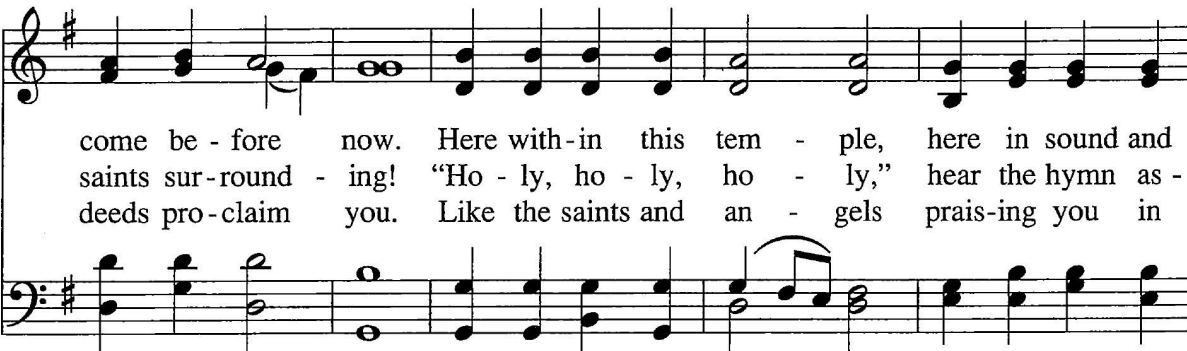
God Is Truly with Us

Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729

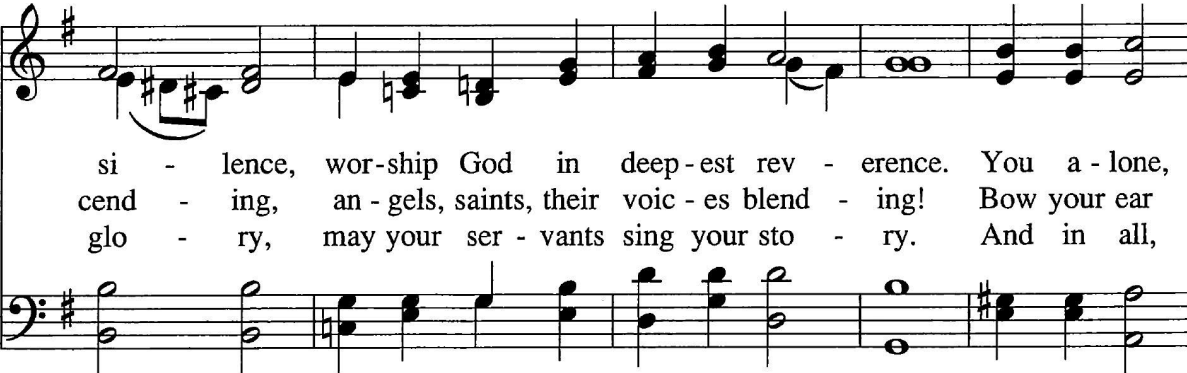
Transl. Frederick W. Foster and others; alt.



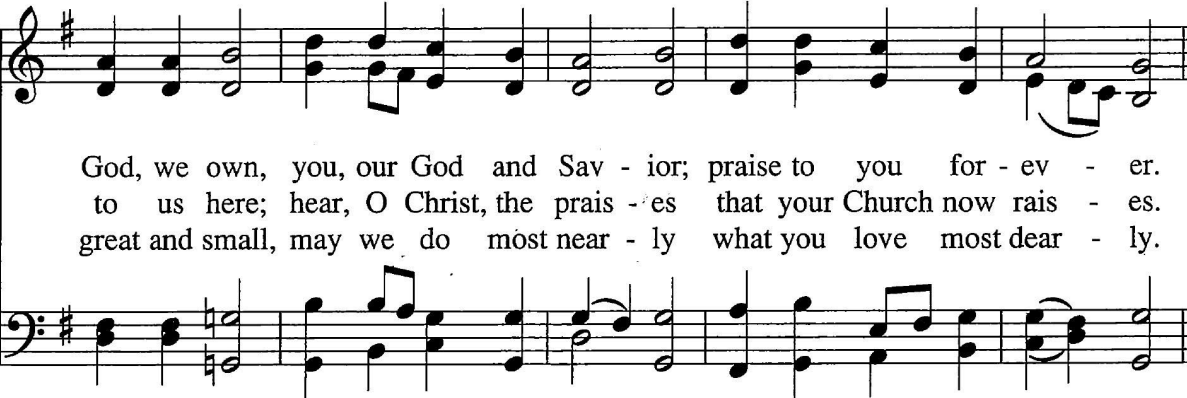
1 God is tru-ly with us; sing we and a - dore now: praise the One we
2 God is tru-ly with us; loud our praise re - sound - ing! Ech - oes of the
3 Source of ev-ery bless - ing, bless the ones who name you, let our words and



come be - fore now. Here with - in this tem - ple, here in sound and
saints sur - round - ing! "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," hear the hymn as -
deeds pro - claim you. Like the saints and an - gels prais - ing you in



si - lence, wor - ship God in deep - est rev - erence. You a - lone,
cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their voic - es blend - ing! Bow your ear
glo - ry, may your ser - vants sing your sto - ry. And in all,



God, we own, you, our God and Sav - ior; praise to you for - ev - er.
to us here; hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your Church now rais - es.
great and small, may we do most near - ly what you love most dear - ly.

Gerhard Tersteegen, an important German hymnwriter of the Reformed Church, began preaching at prayer meetings and gained a considerable following. He devoted his life to praying, preaching, visiting the poor, and writing and translating devotional material.

Tune: WUNDERBARER KÖNIG 6.6.8.6.6.8.3.3.6.6.

Joachim Neander, in A und Ω,
Glaubund Liebestübung, Bremen, 1680

BIND US TOGETHER

John 17:20, 2 1a

Bob Gillman

F Gm7 Am7 Dm7

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with

cords that can - not be bro - ken.

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er,

bind us to - geth - er in love.

Gm7 C7 B \flat /C C7 F Gm7/C

F Gm7 Am7 Dm7

Gm7 C7 F B \flat /F F *Fine*

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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John E. Bode, 1868; alt.

Luke 9:57; John 14:1-4

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my Sav - ior and my Friend:
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will!
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be, too;

I shall not fear life's strug - gles if you are by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol!
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, O guar - dian of my soul!
O give me grace to fol - low my Sav - ior and my Friend!

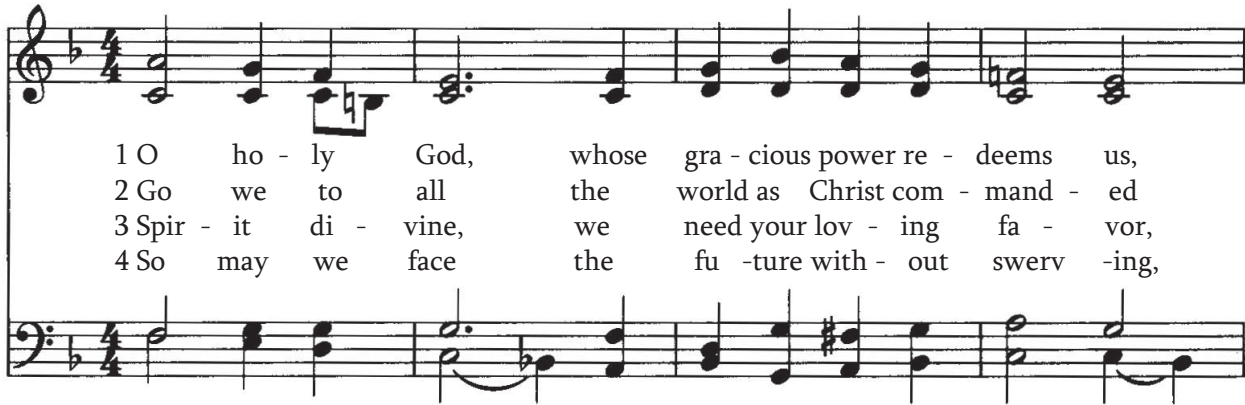
John Ernest Bode wrote these words when his daughter and two sons were confirmed. Although the Oxford scholar and rector wrote books of hymns, this is the only one to achieve lasting fame.

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6.D.
A. H. Mann, 1883
Alternate tune: MUNICH

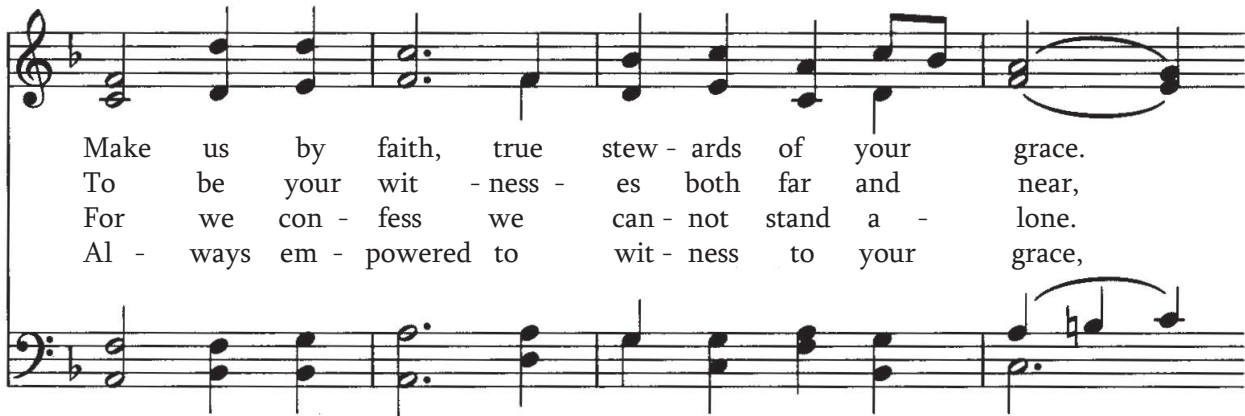
O Holy God, Whose Gracious Power

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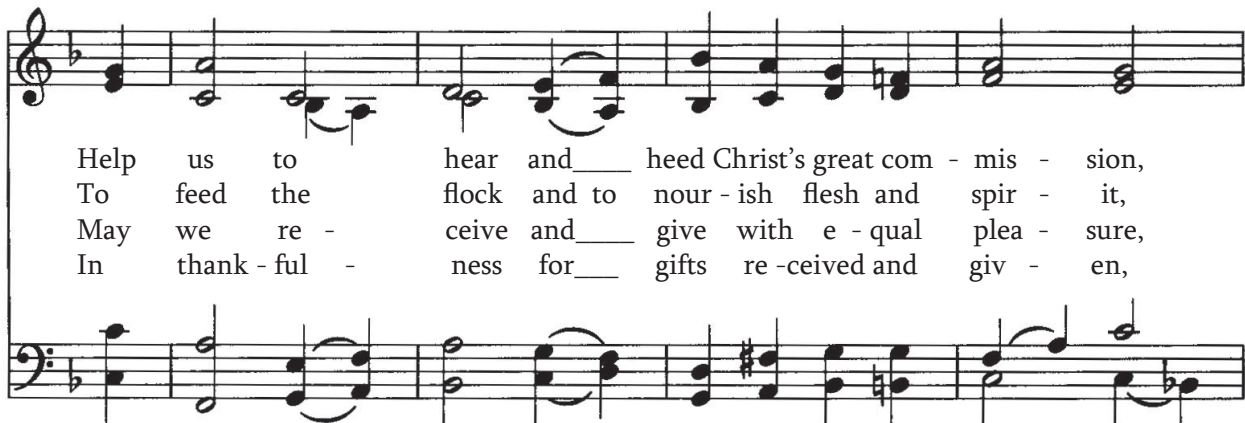
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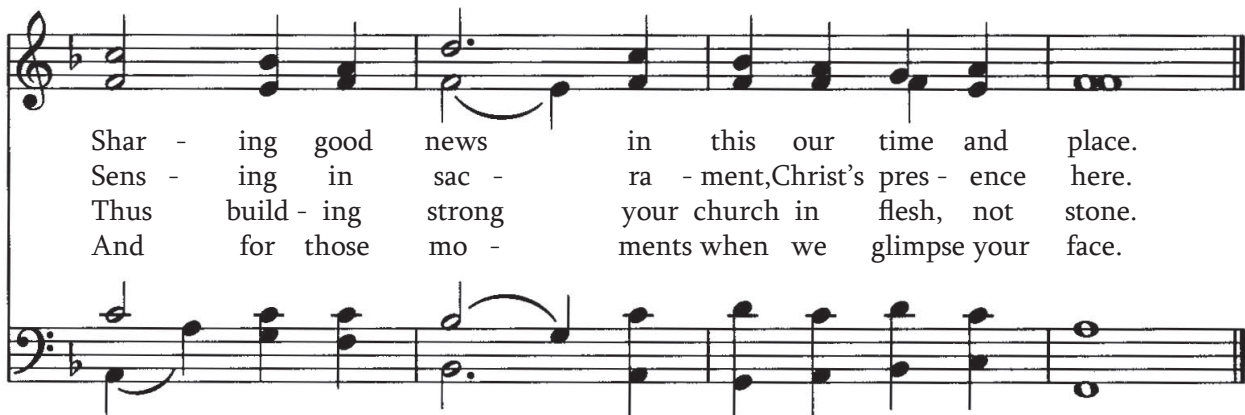
1 O ho - ly God, whose gra - cious power re - deems us,
2 Go we to all the world as Christ com - mand - ed
3 Spir - it di - vine, we need your lov - ing fa - vor,
4 So may we face the fu - ture with - out swerv - ing,



Make us by faith, true stew - ards of your grace.
To be your wit - ness - es both far and near,
For we con - fess we can - not stand a - lone.
Al - ways em - powered to wit - ness to your grace,



Help us to hear and heed Christ's great com - mis - sion,
To feed the flock and to nour - ish flesh and spir - it,
May we re - ceive and give with e - qual plea - sure,
In thank - ful - ness for gifts re - ceived and giv - en,



Shar - ing good news in this our time and place.
Sens - ing in sac - ra - ment, Christ's pres - ence here.
Thus build - ing strong your church in flesh, not stone.
And for those mo - ments when we glimpse your face.

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Tune: WELWYN 11.10.11.10.
Alfred Scott-Gatty, 1900