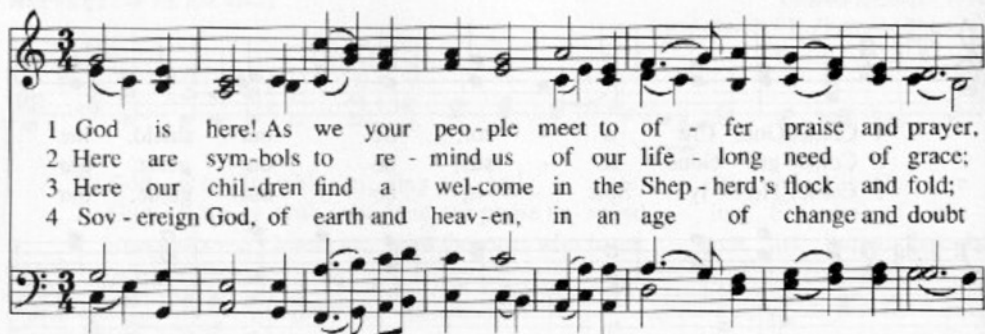
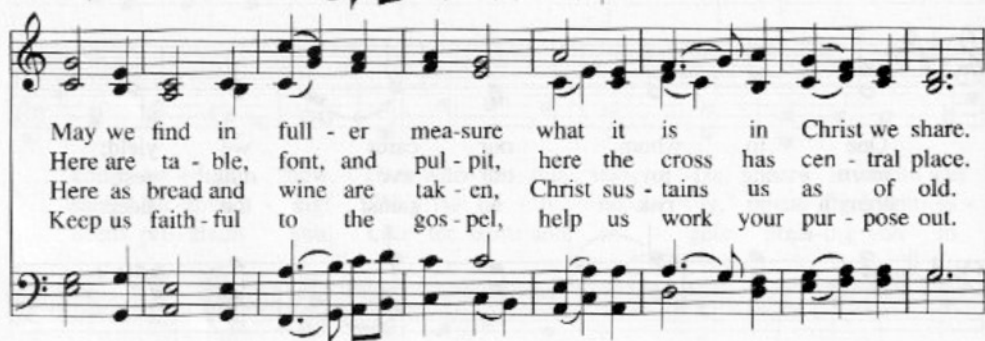


God Is Here! As We Your People Meet

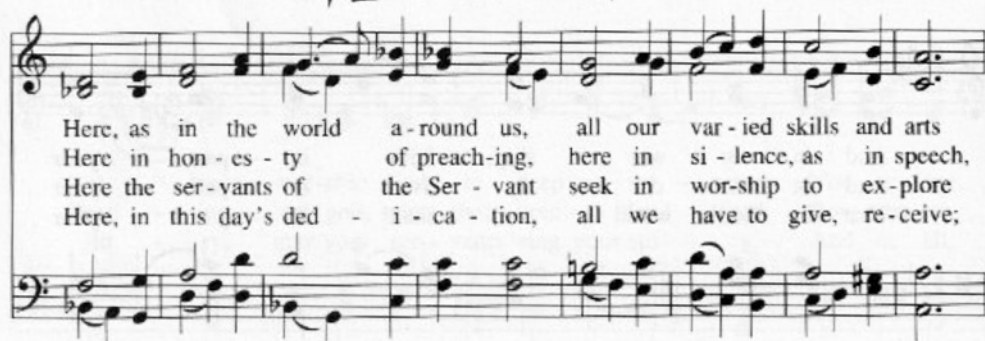
Fred Pratt Green, 1978; alt.



1 God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,
 2 Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long need of grace;
 3 Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep-herd's flock and fold;
 4 Sov - ereign God, of earth and heav-en, in an age of change and doubt



May we find in full - er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.
 Here are ta - ble, font, and pul-pit, here the cross has cen - tral place.
 Here as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 Keep us faith - ful to the gos-pel, help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach-ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in wor-ship to ex - plore
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com-ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new-ness and re - new-al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with-out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Though he retired in 1969, this distinguished British poet has continued to write hymns. In addition to administering several circuits and local congregations, Fred Pratt Green published plays, translations, and poems. Emory University in Atlanta awarded him an honorary doctorate.

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7.D.
 Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

Nearer, My God, to You

Gen. 28:10-22; Matt. 16:24

Sarah Flower Adams, 1841
Adapt. Thomas H. Troeger

1 Near - er, my God, to you, near - er to you. I'll bear the
 2 When I am wan - der - ing as Ja - cob did, and in the
 3 Let Ja - cob's lad - der fill the sky a - bove, and an - gels
 4 Then, wak - ing from the night to morn - ing air by Beth - el's

cross as Christ calls me to do and pray each day a - new:
 deep - est night the path is hid, my dreams will bring me, too,
 car - ry down the faith and love to keep this goal in view:
 stone, I'll know you heard my prayer, and how my yearn - ing grew:

1-4 Near - er my God, to you, near - er my God, to you, near - er to you.

Sarah Flower Adams, daughter of a well-known English editor, was a successful actress in London. During her short life she wrote prose and poetry for religious publications, a five-act drama, and a children's catechism.

Tune: BETHANY 6.4.6.4.6.6.6.4.
 Lowell Mason, 1856

Heb. 2:18

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1894, alt.

1 I must tell Je - sus all of my tri - als, I can - not
2 I must tell Je - sus all of my trou - bles, Je - sus my
3 Tempt-ed and tried, I need a great Sav - ior, One who can
4 Oh, how the world to e - vil al - lures me! Oh, how my

bear these bur-dens a - lone; In my dis - tress my Je - sus will
kind, com - pas - sion-ate Friend; If I but ask, my Sav - ior will
help my bur-dens to bear; I must tell Je - sus, I must tell
heart is tempt-ed to sin! I must tell Je - sus, my Friend who

help me, who ev - er loves and cares for God's own.
an - swer, all of my trou - bles quick - ly will end.
Je - sus, who all my cares and sor - rows will share.
helps me o - ver the world the vic - tory to win.

Refrain

I must tell Je - sus! I must tell Je - sus! I can - not

bear my bur-dens a - lone; I must tell Je - sus! I must tell

Je - sus! Je - sus can help me, Je - sus a - lone.

Tune: ORWIGSBURG, 109, 109, with refrain
Elisha A. Hoffman, 1894

An Evangelical minister, Elisha Hoffman also served the
Evangelical Publications House in Cleveland, Ohio, for eleven
years. This hymn was inspired by a parishioner in Lebanon,
Pennsylvania. Orwigsburg (Pennsylvania) was the place of
Hoffman's birth.

Please Keep the Following People in Your Prayers

The family of Larry Rudder (cousin of Jim Stone)
Laurie, Gerry and Dave, upon the death of their parents, Ken and Joan
(friends of Jan and Andy Bischof)
Mary Weisman
The family of Michael Kvasnicka
Jim Myers (friend of Konnie Wenneman)
The family of Tom Nasky (friend of the Mealys)
Carlos Sediles-Real (UCC/Disciples Global Ministries Personnel, Mexico)
The family of Donna Gyde (Cathy Moore's mother)
Lois Schultz
Kit Myers (friend of Janet Kramer)
Mark Biddell (brother of Lisa Thomas)
Joyce Droescher
Olivia Brainard (granddaughter of Jane Huml)
The family of Ginny Stepler
Laura and Otto Schütze (friends of Jane Huml and Barb Powell)
Laura Renslow (Carol Peddie's nephew's wife)
Shun Thangathurai, Australia (friend of Rick Garcia)
Bill Taillon and family (uncle of Rick Garcia)
Janet and son (good friends of the Bischofs)
Jeannie Gallo (sister of Mary Kanzeg)
Ruth Michelich
Albert Svette
Diane Goebel (sister-in-law of Jim Stone)
Margaret Borrelli
Pete Miller (brother of Mike Miller)
Nancy Shaver (sister of Sarah Pavelka)
The family of John Desmone (friend of the Mealys)
Chuck Mealy
Jim Gartner
Carol Adams
Connie Graham
Sally Barkhauer
Paul Bidell (father of Lisa Thomas)
Charlie and Daniel Zak
Sarah and Richard Pavelka
Steven Kneale
Chuck Hughes
Jan Bischof
Jeanne Long
Barb and family (friends of Andy and Jan Bischof)
The Delvecchio Family (friend of Karen Farmer)
The Derrick Family (cousins of the Mealys)
Bob Patzwahl
Jeremy Steinbrick (grandson of Andy & Jan Bischof)
Jon Fields (friend of the Mealys)