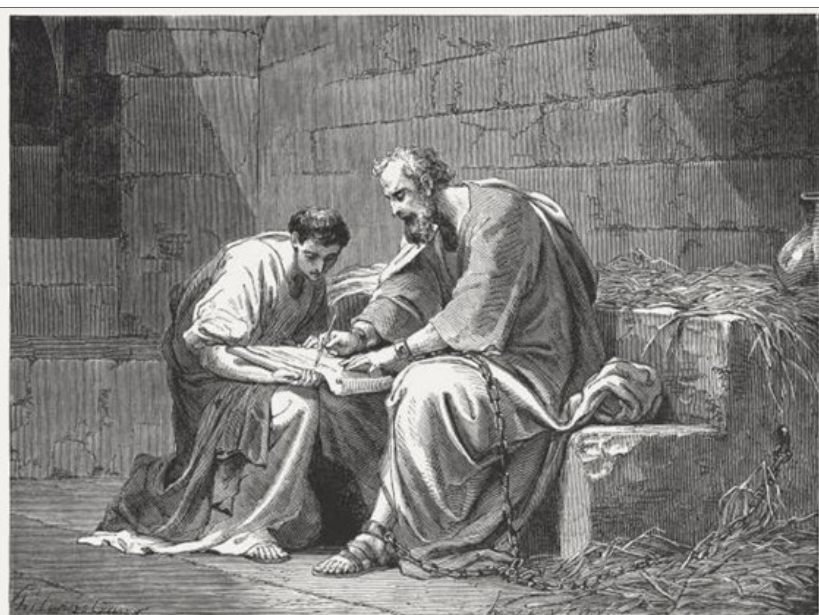




November 23, 2025



“Preaching God’s Sovereign Grace to a World of Need”

128 St. Mary’s Church Road • Abingdon, MD 21009

Dr. David G. Barker, Pastor • Nicholas Hathaway, Pastor • Kurt Scharping, Pastor

The Lord's Day

November 23, 2025

God's Call to Us to Worship Him

"Be still and know that I Am God"

2 Timothy 2:1-13

***His Call to Us to Worship Him**

Psalm 105:1-4

Elder: Oh, give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Elder: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

People: We seek the LORD and his strength; we seek his presence continually!

Elder: The Lord is dwelling among His Congregation.

People: Let us worship Him!

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymns of Our Procession Into the Presence of God**

Now Thank We All Our God

Bulletin, page 8

Ps.89: My Song Forever Shall Record

Bulletin, page 9

The Father Reaffirms His Covenant with Us

Scripture Reading

Bulletin, page 10

Responsive Reading of Romans 7:7-24

Call to Confession

Isaiah 30:15, 18

Unison Prayer of Confession

Bulletin, page 11

Assurance of His Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

***Hymns of Thanksgiving**

Alive in Christ

Bulletin, page 12

He Adds to Our Number: The Cade & Melissa Metz Family

His Sign and Seal is Upon Us: Matthew, Zachary, Benjamin, Abigail,
Joshua, Rebecca

Intercessory Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Christ is Made Known to Us

Hymn of Prayer

He Will Hold Me Fast

Bulletin, page 13

His Word is Opened to Us

Dr. David G. Barker

Scripture: Ephesians 6:19-24

*"The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever."*

Message: The Soldier's Farewell

Prayer for Response and Obedience

We Depart with His Blessing And Sending of His Spirit

Presenting His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

***Hymn of Our Procession Into the World**

Ps. 108: My Heart Is Steadfast, God (TPH)

Bulletin, page 15

***Charge and Benediction**

(Trinity Hymn Book #348, vs.1)

Jesus, with thy church abide, be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,

While on earth her faith is tried: we beseech thee, hear us.

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Studies in Paul's Letter to the Church at Ephesus

A Soldier's Farewell

Ephesians 6:19-24

(see also: Acts 7, 9; Eph. 1:1-4; 2:8-9; WSC #36)

Where is Paul as he writes this letter?

- a) In the Bahamas
- b) In prison
- c) Speaking at a fun youth retreat

I. Paul asks for prayer for _____.

He asks for _____.

He remembers _____.

He doesn't ask to be _____.

II. Paul sends Tychicus

Is Tychicus' faithfulness significant?

Is he a soldier too?

III. Paul's benediction

Is the way I worship the Lord significant?

Am I called to _____ too?

My Own Thoughts

New Covenant Presbyterian Church

Lord's Day Evening Service

November 23, 2025

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Re-Gather at the close of the Lord's Day

Psalm 54:1-2

Prayer of Adoration

Hymns to the glory and praise of our Covenant God

Scriptural Warning

of the Human Condition
and the Way of Salvation

Psalm 54:3

Psalm 54:4-5

Unison Prayer

O God of the open ear, teach me to live by prayer as well as by providence. Give me a heart frameable to thy will; so might I live in prayer, and honor thee, being kept from evil. Help me to see the sin that accompanies all I do, and the good I can distill from everything. Let me know that the work of prayer is to bring my will to thine, and that without this, it is folly to pray; When I try to bring thy will to mine it is to command Christ, to be above him, and wiser than he; this is my sin and pride. I can only succeed when I pray according to thy precept and promise and to be done with as it pleases thee, according to thy sovereign will.

When thou commandest me to pray for pardon, peace, brokenness, it is because thou wilt give me the thing promised, for thy glory, as well as for my good. Help me not only to desire small things but with holy boldness to desire great things for thy people, for myself, that they and I might live to show thy glory. Teach me that it is wisdom for me to pray for all I have, out of love, willingly, not of necessity; that I may come to thee at any time, to lay open my needs acceptably to thee; that my great sin lies in my not keeping the savour of thy ways; that the remembrance of this truth is one way to the sense of thy presence; that there is no wrath like the wrath of being governed by my own lusts for my own ends. In Christ's name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Encouragement
to Hope and Obedience

Psalm 54:6-7

Psalm 54

Bulletin, page 16

Prayers of Supplication and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:9-13

Message: The Lord's Pattern of Prayer

Closing Hymn

Come Down, O Love Divine

Bulletin, page 18

Prayer of Benediction

Studies in the Prayers of Scripture

The Lord's Pattern of Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

the Rev. Nick Hathaway

Theme: Christlike prayer realigns our relationship with God, ourselves, and others.

How should we pray about God?

1. As _____
2. As _____
3. As _____
4. As _____

How should we pray about ourselves?

1. Our _____
2. Our _____
3. Our _____

How should we pray about others?

1. _____ for others
2. _____ with others

Now Thank We All Our God

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 1 Chron. 29:13

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,
 2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en -

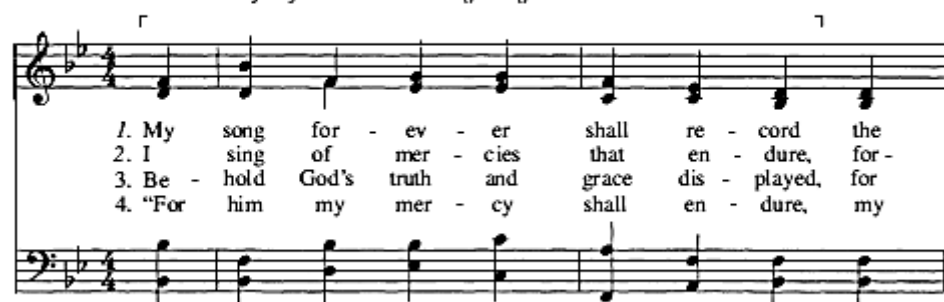
who from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

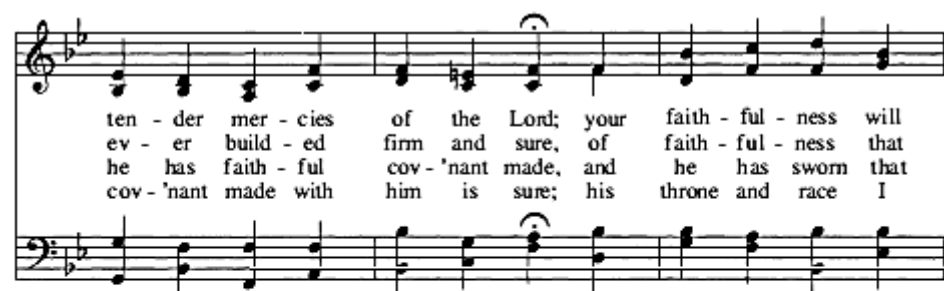
My Song Forever Shall Record

99

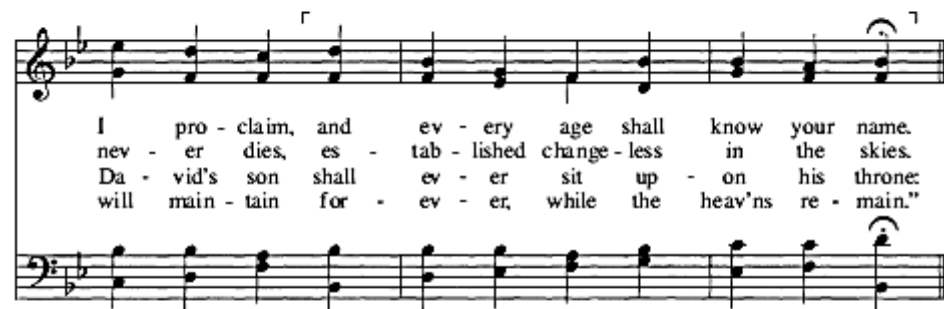
I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. Ps. 89:1



1. My song for - ev - er shall re - cord the
 2. I sing of mer - cies that en - dure, for -
 3. Be - hold God's truth and grace dis - played, for
 4. "For him my mer - cy shall en - dure, my



ten - der mer - cies of the Lord; your faith - ful - ness will
 ev - er build - ed firm and sure, of faith - ful - ness that
 he has faith - ful cov - 'nant made, and he has sworn that
 cov - 'nant made with him is sure; his throne and race I



I pro - claim, and ev - ery age shall know your name.
 nev - er dies, es - tab - lished change - less in the skies.
 Da - vid's son shall ev - er sit up - on his throne;
 will main - tain for - ev - er, while the heav'ns re - main."

5. Almighty God, your lofty throne
 has justice for its cornerstone,
 and shining bright before your face
 are truth and love and boundless grace.

6. With blessing is the nation crowned
 whose people know the joyful sound;
 they in the light, O Lord, shall live,
 the light your face and favor give.

7. Your name with gladness they confess,
 exalted in your righteousness;
 their fame and might to you belong,
 for in your favor they are strong.

8. All glory unto God we yield,
 Jehovah is our help and shield;
 all praise and honor we will bring
 to Israel's Holy One, our King.

Responsive Reading

Romans 7:7-24 (ESV)

What then shall we say? That the law is sin?

By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin.

I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."

But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness.

Apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.

The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.

For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Did that which is good, then, bring death to me?

By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. **I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.**

Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.

So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.

For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being.

But I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

(Unison):

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you, hear us as we come to you, humbly confessing our sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts.

We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and our fellow man. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and out of your great goodness, grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

Alive in Christ

Based on Ephesians 2:1-10
James Montgomery Boice, 2000

SOLA GRATIA
Paul S. Jones, 2000

1. I once was re - bel - lious, cor - rup - ted by sin,
2. But God who is rich in com - pas - sion and love,
3. God lif - ted me up to the heav - en - ly realms
4. Since grace is the source of the life that is mine,
5. Yet now I am liv - ing with work to be done

pur - su - ing the dev - il's dark path,
not leav - ing my soul to the grave,
where seat - ed with Christ I am free;
and faith is a gift from on high,
for I am God's work - man - ship too,

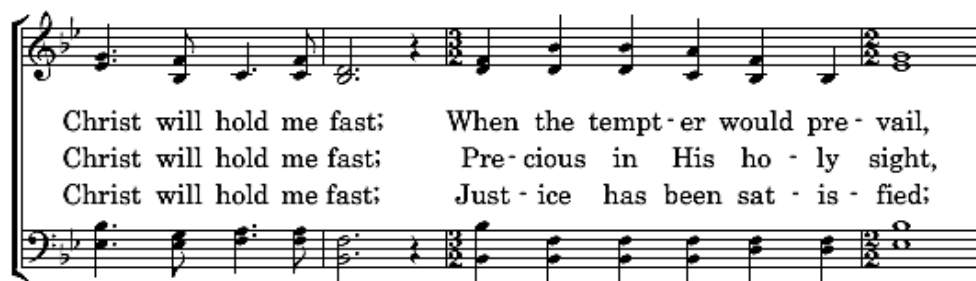
O - bli - vi - ous, dead to the state I was in,
Has giv - en me life; born a - gain from a - bove,
In a - ges to come He will show me more grace,
I'll boast in my Sav - ior, all mer - it de - cline,
Cre - a - ted in Christ with a race to be run,

an ob - ject of God's dreadful wrath.
by God's sov - reign grace I've been saved.
so great is His kind - ness to me.
and glo - ri - fy God 'til I die.
which God has or - dained me to do.

He Will Hold Me Fast



1. When I fear my faith will fail,
 2. Those He saves are His de - light,
 3. For my life He bled and died,



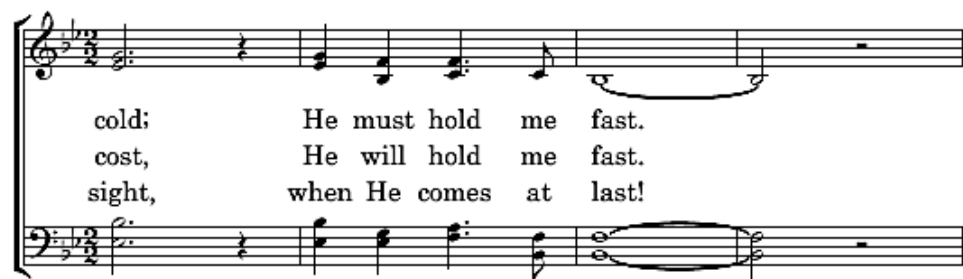
Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt - er would pre - vail,
 Christ will hold me fast; Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight,
 Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;



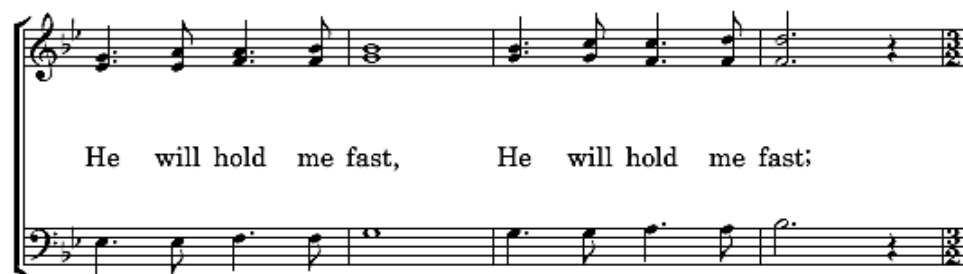
He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my hold
 He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost;
 He will hold me fast. Rais'd with Him to end - less life,



through life's fear - ful path; For my love is oft - en
 His prom - is - es shall last; Bought by Him at such a
 He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to



cold; He must hold me fast.
cost, He will hold me fast.
sight, when He comes at last!



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



For my Sav - ior loves me so,

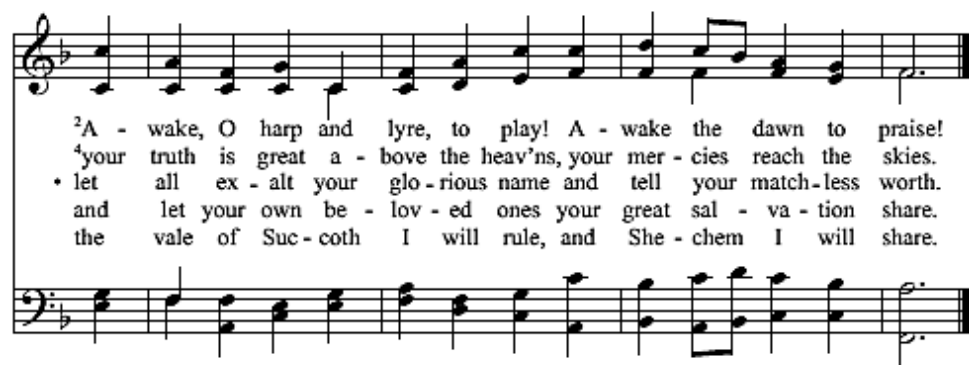


He will hold me fast!

Psalm 108



1. ¹My heart is stead - fast, God! My soul its song will raise!
 2. ³A - mong the na - tions, LORD, to you my thanks shall rise;
 3. ⁵A - bove the heav'ns, O God, and o - ver all the earth,
 4. ⁶Stretch forth your might - y hand in an - swer to our prayer,
 5. ⁷The ho - ly God has said, "My tri - umph I de - clare:



²A - wake, O harp and lyre, to play! A - wake the dawn to praise!
⁴your truth is great a - bove the heav'ns, your mer - cies reach the skies.
 • let all ex - alt your glo - rious name and tell your match - less worth.
 and let your own be - lov - ed ones your great sal - va - tion share.
 the vale of Suc - coth I will rule, and She - chem I will share.

6. ^{8a}"I claim as my domain
 Manasseh, Gilead.
 My scepter rests in Judah's hand,
 and Ephr'im shields my head.

8. ¹⁰O, who will lead me forth
 and Edom's stronghold show?
¹¹Have you not cast us off, O God,
 nor with our armies go?

7. ^{9a}"In Moab I will wash;
 on Edom, throw my shoe;
 Philisti'a is my victor's song,
 with triumph I subdue."

9. ¹²The work of man is vain,
 so help us in our woes!
¹³With God we shall do valiantly
 for he will crush our foes.

Psalm 54

Verses 1 - 3

By Your name, O God, now save me; Grant me jus - tice

by Your strength. To these words of mine give an - swer;

O my God, now hear my prayer. Strang - ers have come up a - gainst me,

E - ven men of vi - o - lence, And they seek my

life's de - struc - tion; God is not with - in their thoughts.

TUNE: EBENEZER 87.87.D
(new *Trinity Hymnal*, p. 283)
("O the Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus")

Verses 4 – 7

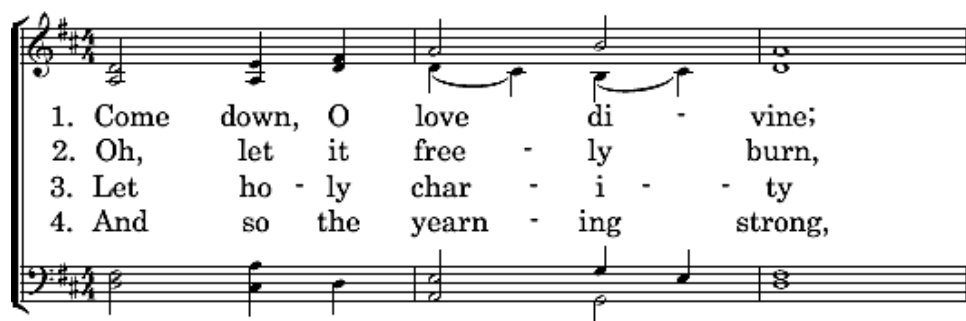
See how God has been my helper,
How my Lord sustains my soul:
To my foes He pays back evil
In Your truth destroy them all!
I will sacrifice with gladness;
I will praise Your name, O LORD.
He has saved me from all trouble;
I have looked on all my foes.

From the Trinity Psalter

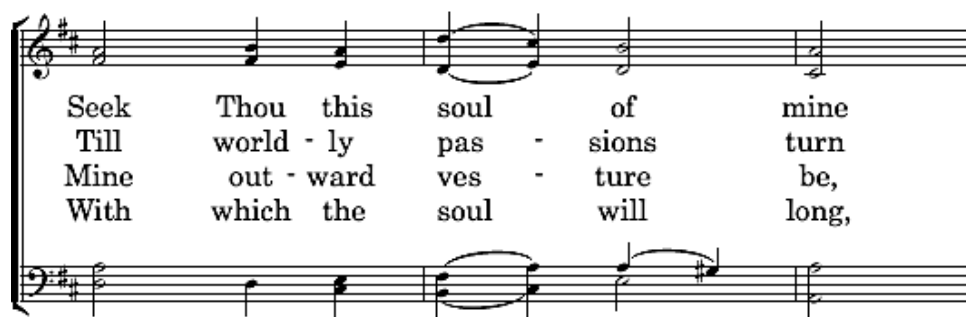
© 1994 Crown & Covenant Publications

Used by Permission, Crown & Covenant Publications

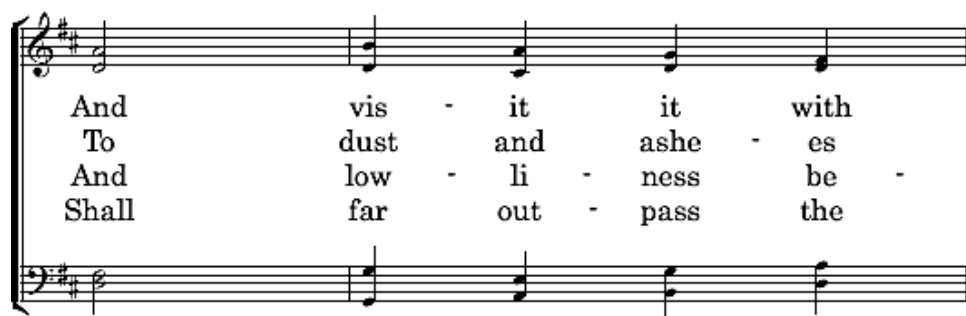
Come Down, O Love Divine



1. Come down, O love di - vine;
 2. Oh, let it free - ly burn,
 3. Let ho - ly char - i - ty
 4. And so the yearn - ing strong,



Seek Thou this soul of mine
 Till world - ly pas - sions turn
 Mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with
 To dust and ashe - es
 And low - li - ness be -
 Shall far out - pass the



thine own ar - dor glow - - ing;
 in its heat con - sum - - ing;
 come mine in - ner cloth - - ing;
 pow'r of hu - man tell - - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near;
And let Thy glo - rious light
True low - li - ness of heart,
No soul can guess the grace

With - in my heart ap - pear
Shine ev - er on my sight,
Which takes the hum - bler part,
Till it be - comes the place

And kin - dle it, Thy
And clothe me round, the
And o'er its own short -
Where - in the Ho - ly

ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
while my path il - lum - ing.
com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.