

A Pharisee Was Praying

Hymn Tune: *AURELIA*

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1. A Phar - i - see was pray - ing; he proud - ly stood a - lone:
2. Far off in that same Tem - ple, a tax col - lec - tor stood.
3. O God of love, for - give us when we look all a - round
4. May we, your church, be hum - ble in ser - ving you each day,



1. "God, thank you that I'm bet - ter than oth - ers I have known."
2. He knew he was a sin - ner; he knew that God is good.
3. And think that, by our ac - tions, we stand on sol - id ground:
4. For pride will ne - ver help us to walk your king - dom - way.



1. He saw the faults of oth - ers, yet in that ho - ly place,
2. "Have mer - cy, God, up - on me!" the tax col - lec - tor cried.
3. We pray, "See how we serve you! We work and vol - un - teer!
4. May we know your for - give - ness - our need for mer - cy, too -



1. He missed the joy and won - der of God's a - maz - ing grace.
2. He left that place of wor - ship for - giv - en, jus - ti - fied.
3. Aren't we the ones whose giv - ing builds up your king - dom here?"
4. That, loved and lov - ing oth - ers, our life may be in you.