

The Hymnal 1982 - #703 Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace

*Unison or harmony*

1 Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of peace;  
2 Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of right;  
3 Lead us, O Fa - ther, to thy heaven - ly rest,

with - out thy guid - ing hand we go a - stray,  
blind - ly we stum - ble when we walk a - lone,  
how - ev - er rough and steep thy path may be;

and doubts ap - pall, and sor - rows still in - crease;  
in - volved in sha - dows of a dark - some night;  
through joy or sor - row, as thou deem - est best,

lead us through Christ, the true and liv - ing Way.  
on - ly with thee we jour - ney safe - ly on.  
un - til our lives are per - fect - ed in thee.

Words: William Henry Burleigh (1812-1871), alt. Music: *Song 22*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

1 Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace;  
without thy guiding hand we go astray,

- and doubts appall, and sorrows still increase;  
    lead us through Christ, the true and living Way.
- 2 Lead us, O Father, in the paths of right;  
    blindly we stumble when we walk alone,  
    involved in shadows of a darksome night;  
    only with thee we journey safely on.
- 3 Lead us, O Father, to thy heavenly rest,  
    however rough and steep thy path may be;  
    through joy or sorrow, as thou deemest best,  
    until our lives are perfected in thee.

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