Songs from the Heart: 46 Community Hymns edited by Becca Whitla

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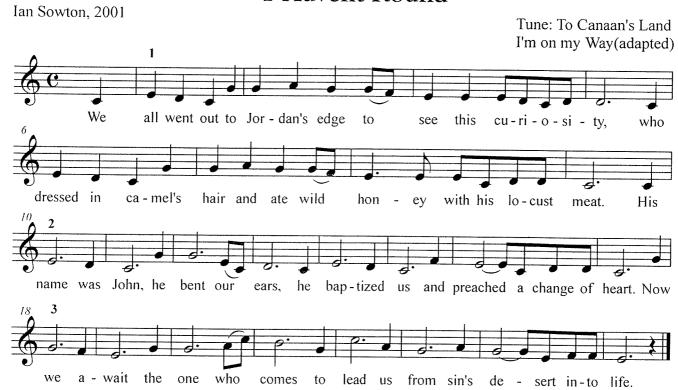
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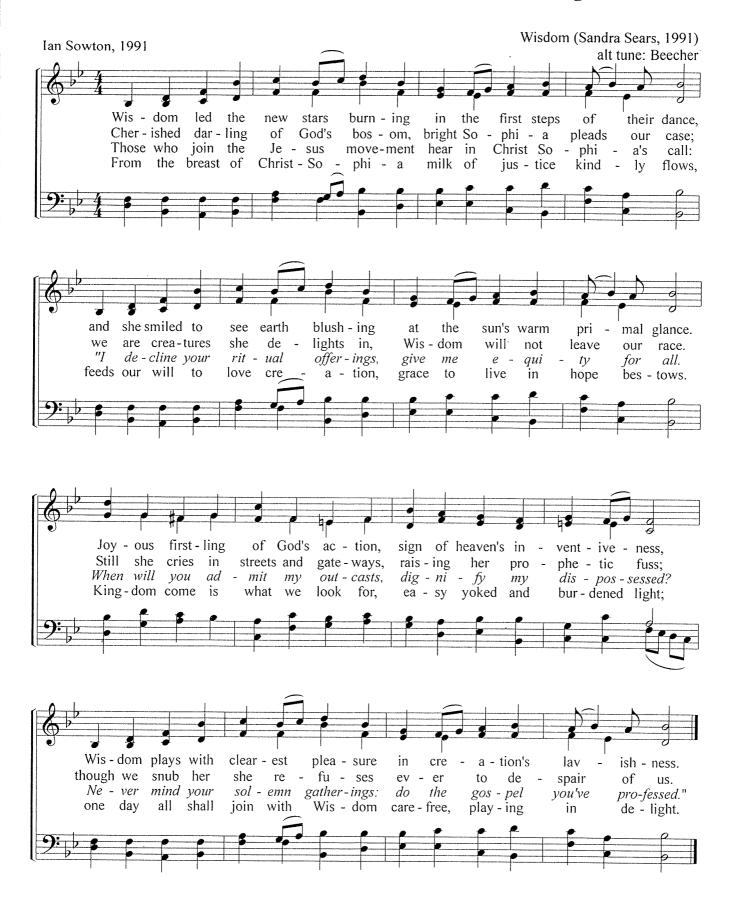
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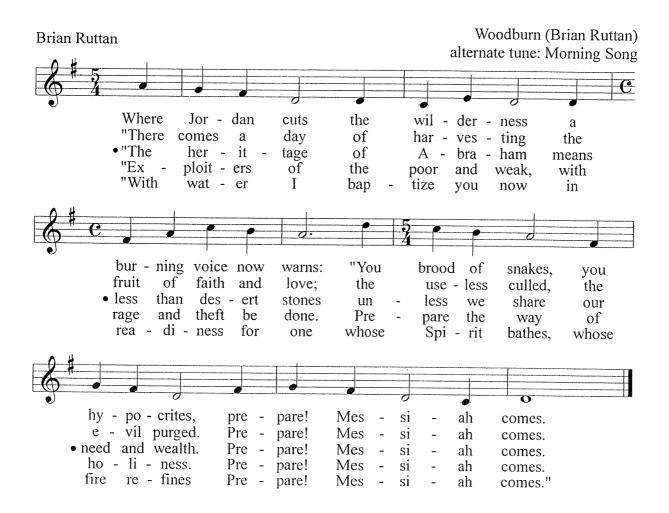
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4 We Long for Such Portents



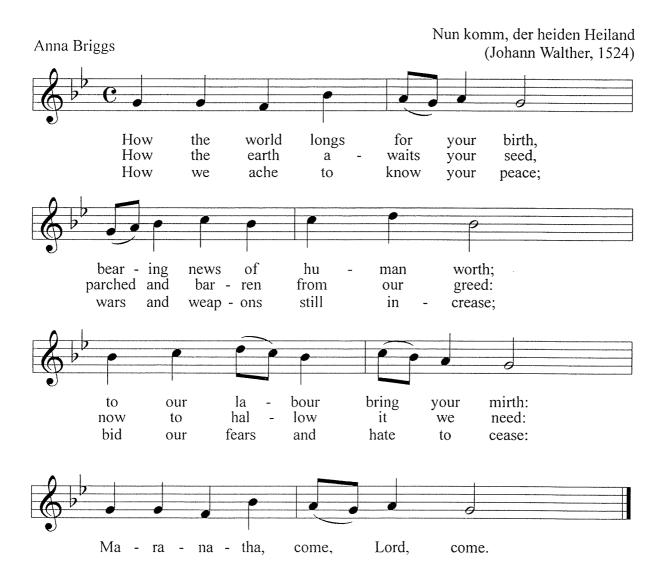
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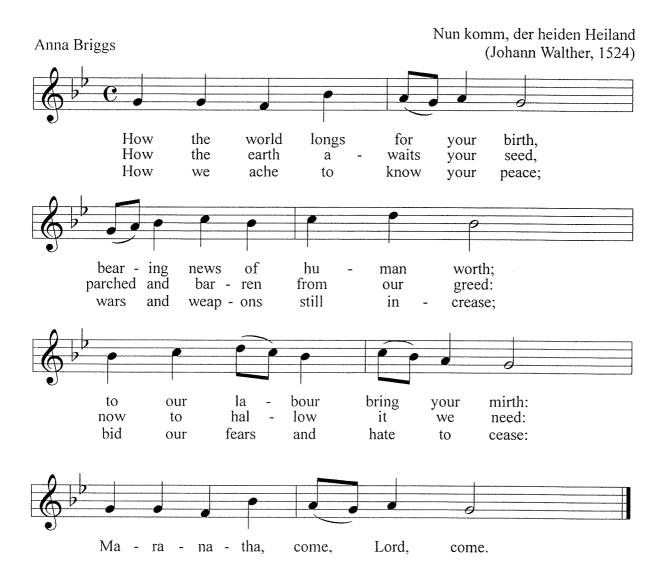


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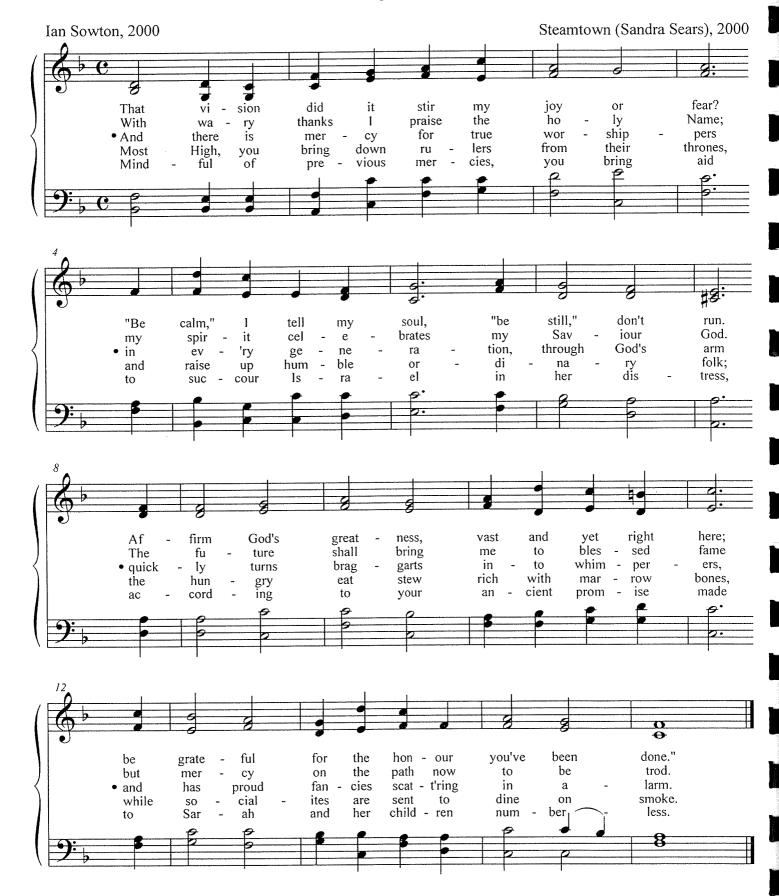
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- 5. God, who sets your people free, God, who comes, our flesh to be, now we wait, your reign to see: Maranatha, come, Lord, come.
- 6. To our darkness bring your light; fill our longing eyes with sight. In our lives shine ever bright: Maranatha, come, Lord, come.

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8 Song of Mary



9 Blessing of the Crèche



10 The Midwife's Carol



- 3. He's breathing well, the cord's tied off, her afterbirth's come free my dear when three fine scholar blokes squeeze in saying a star has brought them here.

 Wash him...
- 4. "You selling tickets then?" I said,
 "Buzz off you lot and let her rest."
 And they did too, leaving presents,
 rich stuff my dear, the very best.

 Wash him...

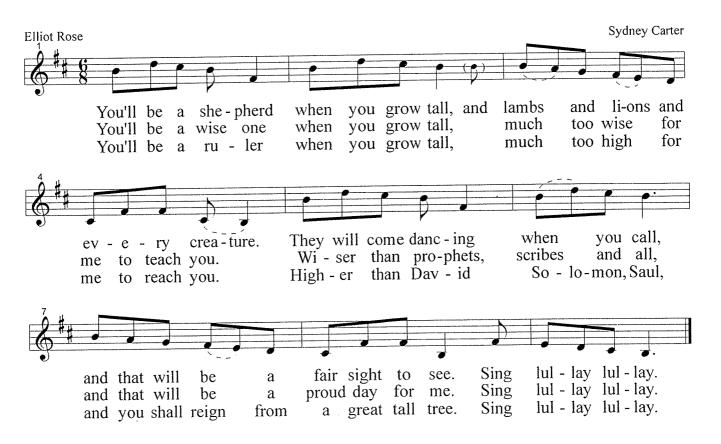
- 5. All that public to and fro-ing, she watches as it comes and goes, with him tucked, dear, in a manger pulled from under the donkey's nose.

 Wash him...
- 6. Winter solstice 'twas my dear, shivery damp and animal stink, Worship, palaver, gifts and all what was going on do you think? *Wash him...*

11 Hush, Little Child

Hush, Little Child (James Harbeck, 2002) James Harbeck, 2002 Chorus the night. Hush, lit - tle child in the hay. Hush, tense world An - gels in fields at play, Dark sanc-ti-fied by light, Hush, Christ is born to-day! Verses gels, An arch - an gels dan cing walks, side Born in your back will dis yard you - co ver Look for the pearls ly ing pud dles; Rol ling in snow - flakes with child play ren in grounds... Christ come to weep for all the world's suff ring. Hark to the trum pets sound ing in traf fic; $\operatorname{\mathsf{God}}$ Why look bove you? a - mong is you! Though we've for ken our birth sa sa cred right, Step from the tread mill, stand out in si lence. Star of the Ma shines from a street lamp; now God re - turns it wrapped in our tis sue, heart whirl - wind is of the still turn ness un ing. Dawn ev' ing is first Christ - mas ry morn day break. Our Christ - mas pres ent shows us our fu ture. No one's strang er; all breathe to ge ther.

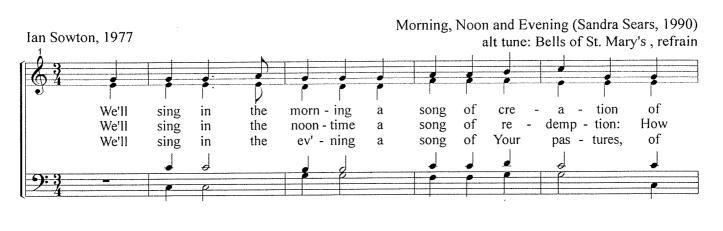
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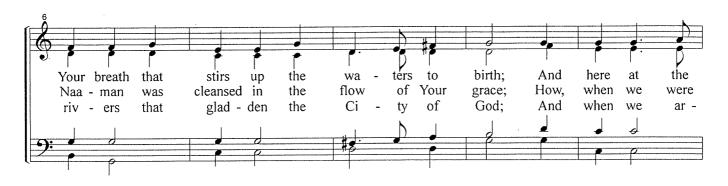


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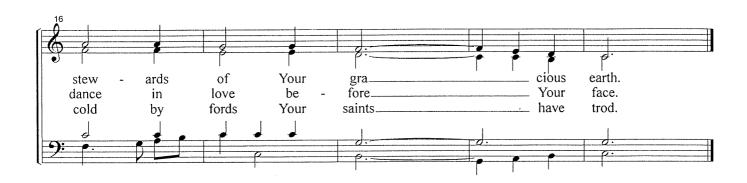


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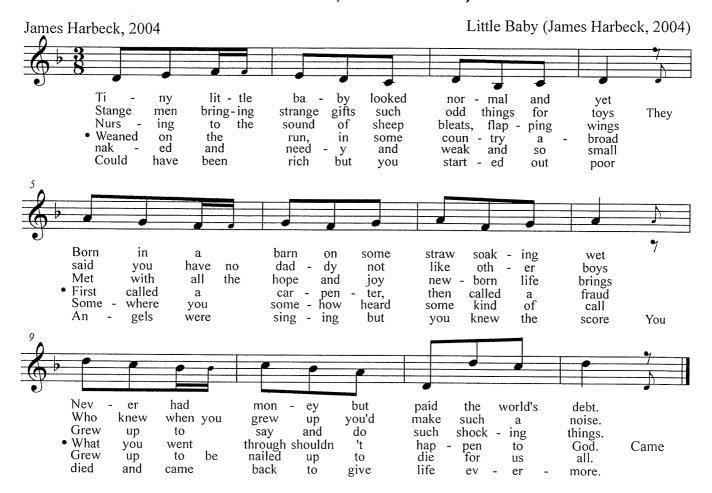








15 Tiny Little Baby



16 What Child is This?

Ian Sowton, Adaptation, 1993 Greensleeves (Traditional) Original Words: William Chatterton Dix, 1865 D Em who, laid to rest, on this What child is es - tate Where babe in mean Why lies the proach in hope Since wish, ap Then who come Em В Em with ing? Whom gels greet sleep an -Ma ry's lap is know the ing? So all might and ass are feed ox bring Come Christ stran ger, draw you near, none to is Em В Em D herds watch ing? while shep are keep an - thems sweet ing. ver - flow Of Love all loves ex ceed bless this ho ly man ger; gifts to cheer And Em В D G an - gels ring: shep-herds wor-ship and This, Christ we sing, whom this is me, for you: lul - la - by: life now born for This Death, death it self shall rue Ma - ry While sings a on high, Raise, raise your song Em В EmD G the child Babe, of Ma ry. bring our praise, the Haste, haste to

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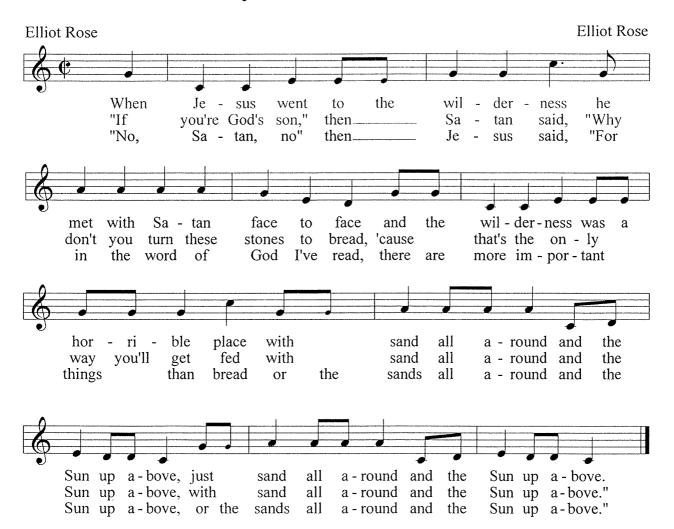
17 Once While Caesar Counted Subjects

Ian Sowton Beechspring based on the hymn by D.T. Niles (from the Sacred Harp) Once while Cae sar count - ed sub jects, God was Where there shines the star of Da vid the in Man - i fest the wrath of ty still rants re it's Now time for bless - ed greet ing the to mang - er east - ern born in fold, SO the of name God - is sky, led spang wise kings press to pay their fu sing just; to be man - i fest is love's per one who comes to save, for the sun of our sal with us all in hearts could be rolled. en God, the hom age and be Child most shown the high. But a sis tence, wil - ling to breathe ex - ile's dust. Now we va tion ris - es Her - od's o ver grave. Out of foun - tain of cre a tion, humb - ly takes ture's crea king who wor - ships po for - ces wer Christ the Child to with wait sage and sib yl, watch in hope - ful prayer to Eg - ypt comes the Sa viour, our Em man - u to place; God, whose form no one had fly, leav ing Ra chel weep ing, see show ing forth of our re be: Christ mas shines with Eas ter wit nessed has to day a hu - man face. weep ing, ba bies dead a bout her lie. demp in tion Christ the fant re - fu glo гy in the glad E piph - a

18 Ash Wednesday



19 When Jesus Went to the Wilderness

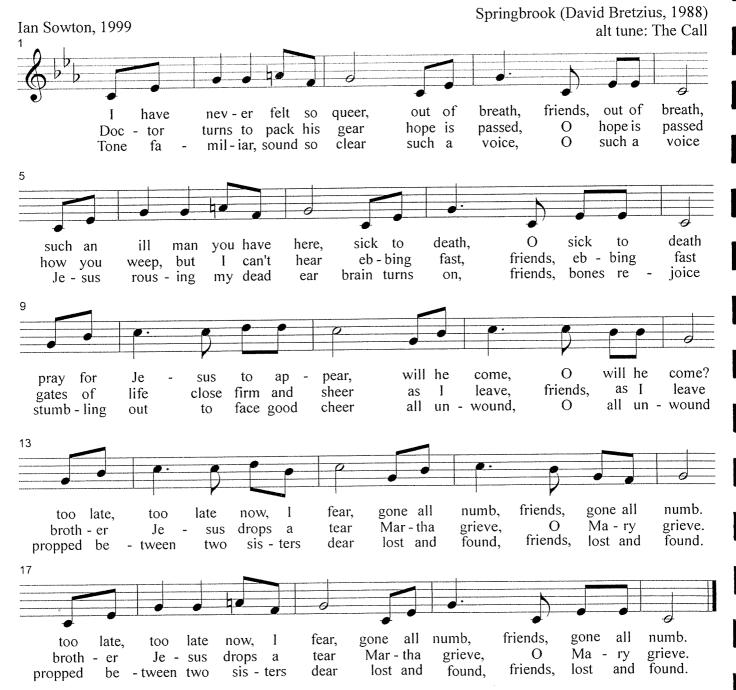


- 4. Then up they went to the Temple tower;
 "Go ahead, Son of God", Satan said, "Jump over;
 For God will protect you with mighty power,
 And you'll land on the ground safe down from above."
- 5. "No, no," said Jesus, "That won't do; I know my Daddy (Maker) and I don't need proof; I'll trust him without any proof from you, Or the sands all around or the Sun up above."
- 6. "Take my advice", then Satan did say,
 "You can rule all the world if you'll do it my way,
 and there'll scarcely be a penny to pay
 for the lands all around and the Sun up above."

- 7. "Now I've heard you and I've heard the Dove and I know which one to be wary of; Elohim is the one I serve in the lands all around for the Love up above
- 8. Satan went away and the angels came down and the green green grass came growing all around; when he looked for the way, the way was found in the lands all around to the Love up above, to the lands all around in the Love up above.

20 Psalm for Lazarus

John 11



21 Just As the Deer

Based on Psalm 42

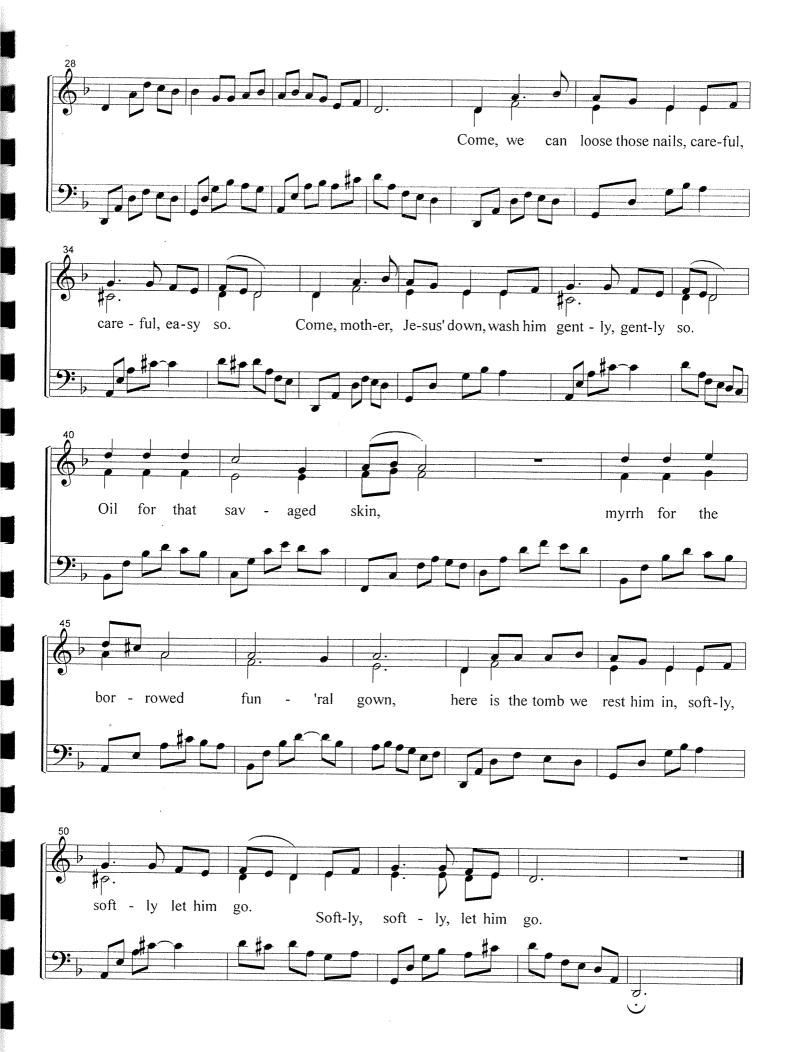


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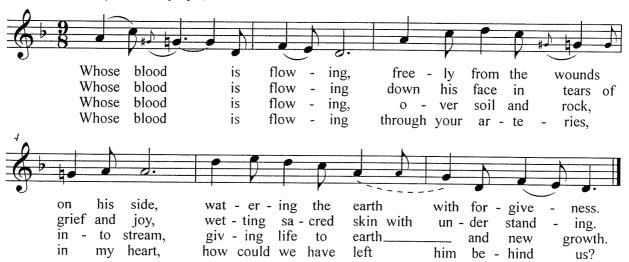


24 Whose Blood

James Harbeck, 2003

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Slowly and loosely, in a bluesy style, with lots of soul.



25 Our Wars and Tulmults Now Must Cease



26 God's Love Bursts Into Bloom



27 The Road to Emmaus



- 5. It is three days since he is gone; some women saw a light that shone they said they heard an angel's song. Alleluia!
- 6. "Christ is not here," the angel said; "That One is risen from the dead; and will be known in living bread". Alleluia!
- 7. The stranger told us we were dull, and from the scriptures plentiful told how the Christ should suffer all. Alleluia!
- 8. The stranger at our table meal made all our shaky senses reel; at last our broken hearts were healed. Alleluia!
- 9. Our doubting hearts within us burned when all the scripture we had learned were opened by the One returned. Alleluia!
- 10. We knew Christ in the bread and wine, the seal of Life, the living Sign, Christ said, "You will be always mine." Alleluia!

28 Strangers Walking from the City



29 The Healing Touch



- 5. The women, weeping, found the tomb, Your body gone, the stone laid by, You bade them tell the brothers how Your love in death could never die; They told the news, all were healed, Behold, God's grace in love revealed.
- 6. Through centuries of scorn and shame, Your love has named us as your own, Through poverty, despair and fear, Our faith and hopefulness have grown; You touch us all, and we are healed, Behold, God's grace in love revealed.

30 To The Trinity



31 Unto Jerusalem



5. Proud is the town of Jericho and circled with a wall;
Now harken how the trumpets blow
And down the towers fall;
And it's children, away with me. Away and away O...

and build our temple there;
We'll have to work to guard it still
for many_a thousand year,
But it's come friends away with me. Away and away O...

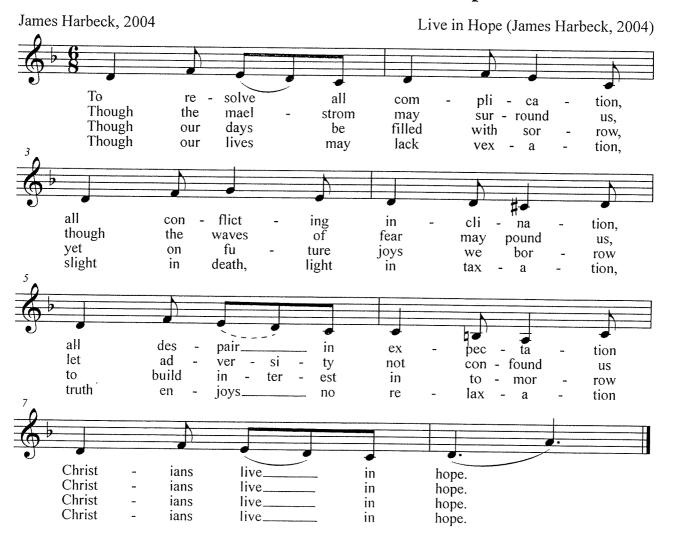
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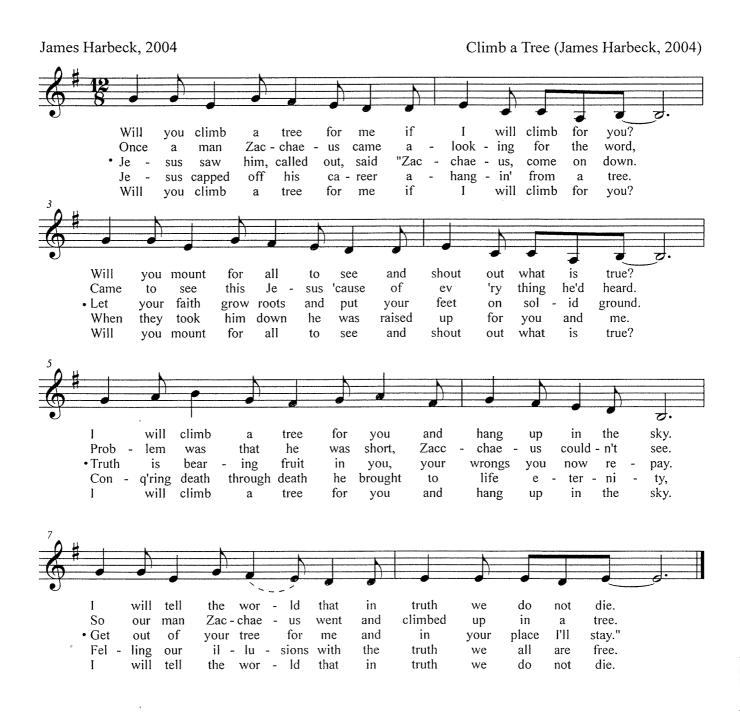


34 Christians Live in Hope



- 5. Though great profits we be reaping And fine company be keeping, Let our souls not be caught sleeping, Christians live in hope.
- 6. All distraction now vacating And all spite evaporating, Let us join in stillness waiting, Christians live in hope.
- 7. Let the whole world join in seeing, In the love of God agreeing, What we dream will come to being, Christians live in hope, Christians, live in hope.

35 Climb a Tree



36 O Christ Was a Good Guest



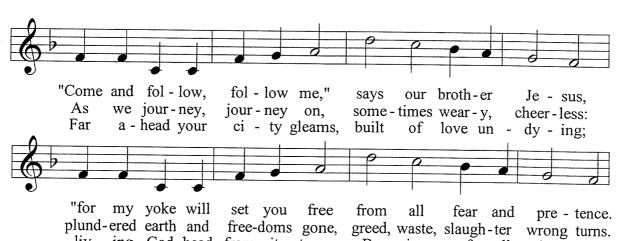
37 Lovingly Your Stars and Planets

for Pride Sunday 1994 Perkins (William Westcott, 1999) alt tunes: Beecher, Ode to Joy, Ian Sowton, 1994 Hyfrydol, Austria plan - ets tread the bliss - ful reach of space, and ly your stars di - tions, you have put the lov er's case, Cease - less ly, with - out con gen - tle, beau - ti ful as an cient Lov - ing is strong and lace. trust where their stu - pen - dous sing - ing they turn you grace for grace. vent - ing lim - its our love's em brace. while spend our time to we in show - ing that Love Christ is beau - ty has hu - man face. In your we cre - a - tion slight jewel in of lights -Though small your crown are neigh - bours' rights: clu - sions save us, teach From fraud - u - lent ex us un - ions that all doubts slights. Christ us weaves strong out wear and You have made us too for learn - ing Love's de - mands and Love's de lights. lit - ur - gies of hu - man lov - ing have been set to var ious rites. learn - ing Love's de - mands and Love's de Bless us fra - gile part - ners lights.

38 Come and Follow

Ian Sowton, 2006

Ave Virgo Virginum



liv - ing God-head from it streams, Be - ing of all be - ings.

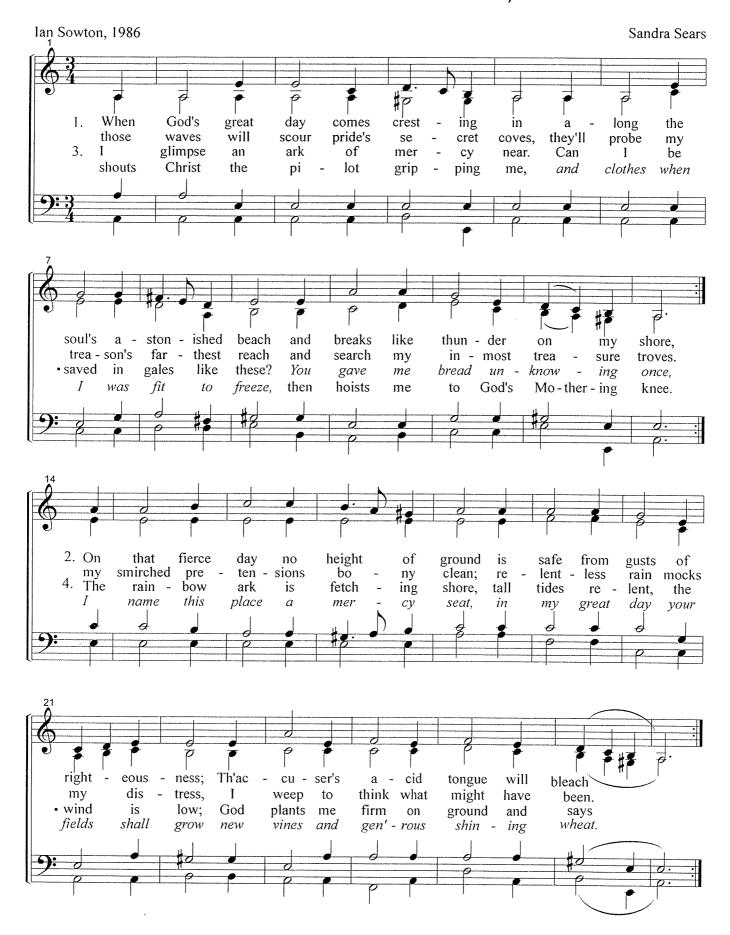


My way's ex - o - dus and we shall soon leave be - hind us
Yet for ev - 'ry hurt that's done we seek lov - ing re - dress,
In its kind - ly warm - ing beams ev - 'ry tear is dry - ing;

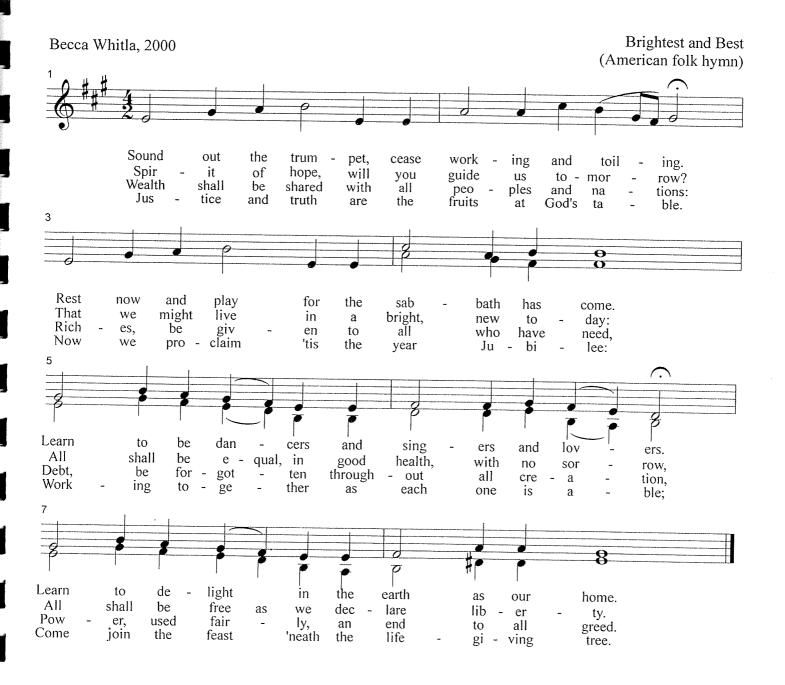


cruel op - pres-sion's dil - i - gence, how - so - ev - er dang'-rous. as the Christ in us af-firms Yes to hope and kind-ness. Mer - cy dan - ces, Jus-tice sings, grace to grace re - ply - ing.

39 When God's Great Day



40 Jubilee



41 Living Justice



42 Deep Life All Abounding (melody)



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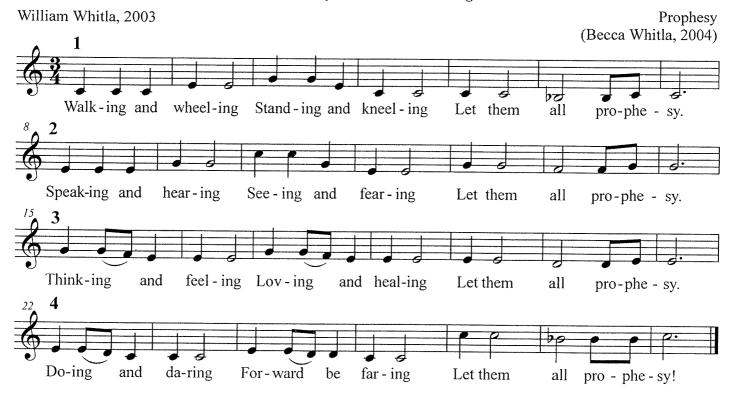


43 New Jerusalem



44 Walking and Wheeling

A Round for Matthew Dolmage

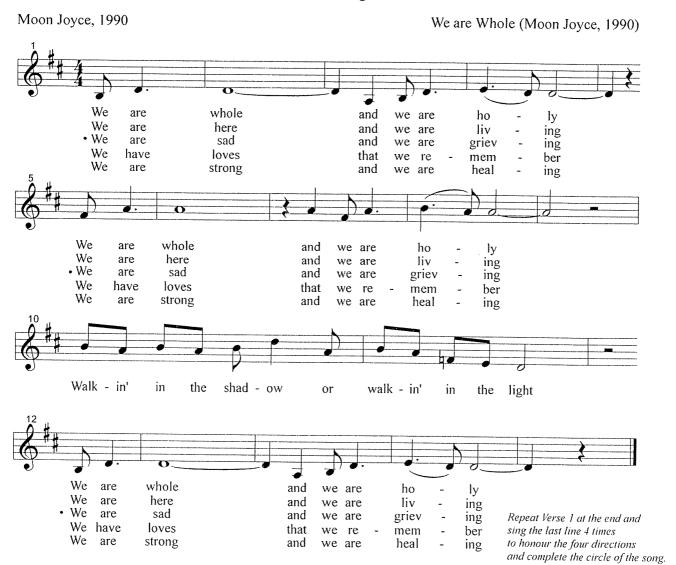


45 Redemption



46 We are Whole and We are Holy

Written for the AIDS Vigil, October 1990



This chant was created as a multi-purpose chant.

Verses for special occasions may be substituted

or individuals may be invited to create verses spontaneously during the singing

Some Suggested Alternate Verses:

We are women and we remember (for memorials of women who have died from violence) We are strong, we are resisting...

We have just one world to live on...

We are listening with a heart that's open...

We must speak and we must listen...

We are speaking from our spirit's centre...

Possible Alternatives to the third line:

Movin' in the shadow or movin' in the light... Dancin' in the shadow or dancin' in the light, etc...



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