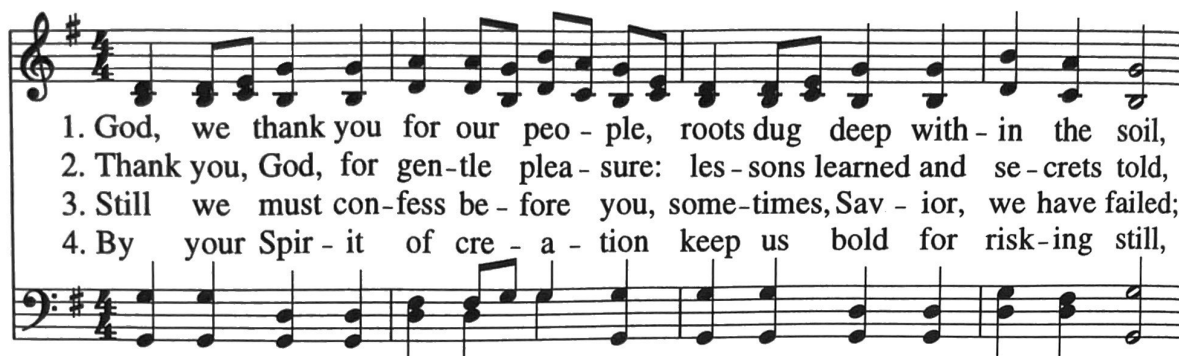
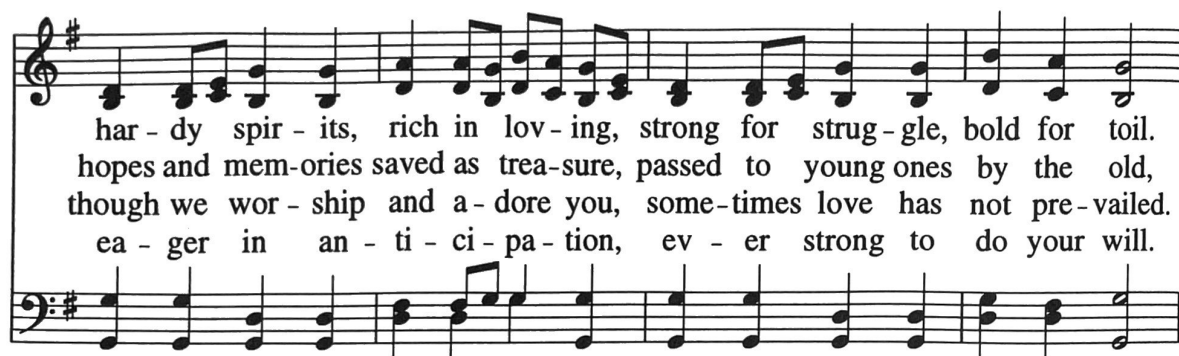


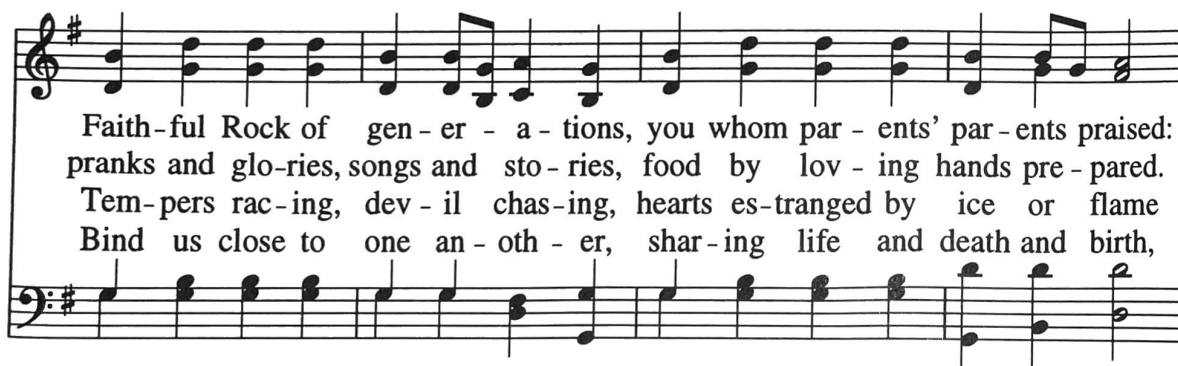
God, We Thank You for Our People



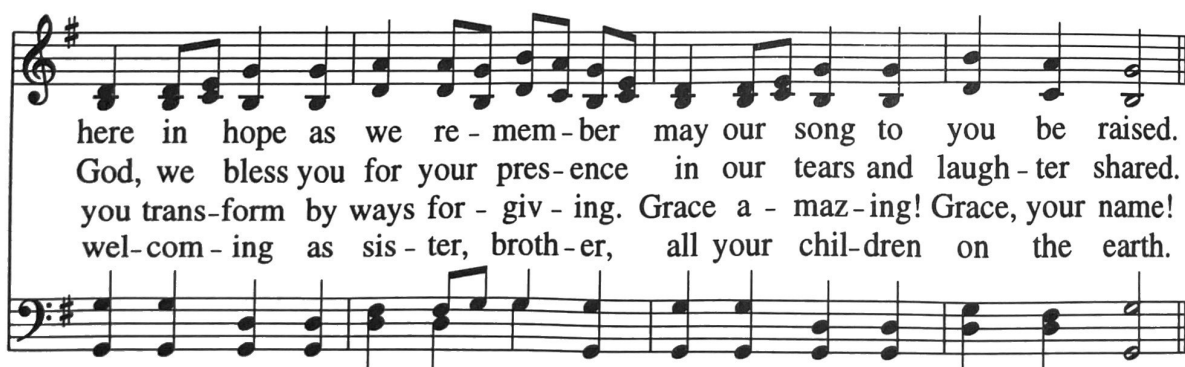
1. God, we thank you for our peo - ple, roots dug deep with - in the soil,
 2. Thank you, God, for gen - tle plea - sure: les - sons learned and se - crets told,
 3. Still we must con - fess be - fore you, some - times, Sav - ior, we have failed;
 4. By your Spir - it of cre - a - tion keep us bold for risk - ing still,



har - dy spir - its, rich in lov - ing, strong for strug - gle, bold for toil.
 hopes and mem - o - ries saved as trea - sure, passed to young ones by the old,
 though we wor - ship and a - dore you, some - times love has not pre - vailed.
 ea - ger in an - ti - ci - pa - tion, ev - er strong to do your will.



Faith - ful Rock of gen - er - a - tions, you whom par - ents' par - ents praised:
 pranks and glo - ries, songs and sto - ries, food by lov - ing hands pre - pared.
 Tem - pers rac - ing, dev - il chas - ing, hearts es - tranged by ice or flame
 Bind us close to one an - oth - er, shar - ing life and death and birth,



here in hope as we re - mem - ber may our song to you be raised.
 God, we bless you for your pres - ence in our tears and laugh - ter shared.
 you trans - form by ways for - giv - ing. Grace a - maz - ing! Grace, your name!
 wel - com - ing as sis - ter, broth - er, all your chil - dren on the earth.

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Written, by request, for a family reunion, this text speaks of the memories, joys
 and sorrows shared by those bound together by family and community ties.

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I Come with Joy

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1982, 1994

Unison

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will

free, The life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, And join our hearts and sing with joy that
 stay, And go with joy to love the world and

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 Christ is ris - en here, that Christ is ris - en here.
 live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.

One of Brian Wren's most widely published texts, this hymn was originally written to "sum up a series of sermons on the meaning of communion. It tries to use simple words to suggest important theological themes."

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 Southern Harmony, 1835
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