

23 God Meets Us Where We Are

Capo 2: G

1. God meets us where we are; God
 2. God meets us where we are, if
 3. God meets us where we are: our
 4. God meets us where we are; O

comes to bring us grace. God comes to make one
 we but turn God's way to see our-selves in
 doubts, re-grets, and fears. God comes to com-fort,
 may I there-fore see as I em-brace God's

fam-i-ly of the whole hu-man race.
 need of grace, just as the world to-day.
 re-as-sure, and dry our an-guished tears.
 chil-dren's needs, God has a place for me.

STEWARDSHIP

(Standing)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, creator of all things visible and invisible, powerful beyond measure, good beyond all understanding.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

DUKE STREET (22 Q)

Join hearts and voices as we lift our grat - i -

tude for ev - 'ry gift, and mul - ti - ply each

gift with praise to God who gives us all our days.

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Lord, our God, you bring forth and nourish every living being.

We lift up our hearts to you.

We assemble here celebrating the joys of human life, shared one with the other. We recall the ministry of Jesus, crucified and raised up for our salvation, still present among us through the mystery of the Holy Spirit.

We praise you for new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Confessing that we have strayed from your holy will, we humbly acknowledge our sins before you.

(Kneeling or sitting)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in many ways, times, and places. We have mishandled this good earth entrusted to our care, and we have misused our personal gifts, hurting both ourselves and others. Forgive our false pride which hides our negligence, and forgive our careless acts which destroy your handiwork. In your mercy correct our faults and restore us to responsible, compassionate living.

SILENT CONFESSION

Hear and know that the Lord is good. God forgives those who are contrite in heart. Live in peace, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

(Sitting)

WELWYN

O ho - ly God, whose gra - cious pow'r re - deems us,
 make us, by faith, true stew - ards of your grace;
 help us to hear and heed Christ's great com - mis - sion,
 shar - ing good news in this our time and place.

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STEWARDSHIP

Let us taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us be grateful for all that God has provided.

Inspire us, God of mercy, to be thankful for what we have received.

Let our lives resound with the wonder and beauty of all that God has been creating from the beginning. As caretakers of creation, may we learn anew to enjoy the land, preserve the water, respect all living creatures, and meditate upon the grandeur of open sky and sea.

Teach us, God of creation, to walk the earth with gratitude and wisdom.

Let our eyes be opened to the needs of all people, especially the poor.

Move us, God of justice, to share what we have and to be just and merciful in our nation and the world.

Let us hear God's call to the urgent tasks of our time: studies to pursue, projects to begin, communities to build, individuals to support, damages to restore.

Use us, God of the covenant — use our time, our talent, our treasure.

BUNESSAN

Bless, Lord, the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our

The first system of the musical score is in 3/4 time. It features a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: "Bless, Lord, the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our".

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The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work".

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 TUNE: Setting © by Brian Henkelmann

Our Creator God calls us to become the servant body of Christ, ministering to the world, and grants us the blessings of membership in the holy, universal church.

We thank you for our place in the church.

The Spirit of the Lord fills this house. God delights in its beauty, and sings through the music of the faithful. God speaks by the reading and proclamation of the word, stirs in the waters of baptism, nourishes through the gifts of bread and wine. God hears the prayers of the people and rejoices in our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

We thank you for your presence and power among us.

The Lord gathers us into the fellowship of this congregation. Here we share our spiritual gifts and employ them to build up the body. Some of us teach and proclaim, some shepherd and heal, some lead and administer, some serve, prophesy, and evangelize. All of us dwell in God's love, and all pray for one another in the peace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We offer our gifts to honor your holy name and to strengthen one another in faith.

God calls us to commit our financial resources to the building of the kingdom, to tithe, and to give generously of our wealth in proportion to the blessings we have received.

Search our hearts and try our ways that we might give to your glory, O God.

Jesus leads us onward in the high mission of the church. We proclaim the gospel to all nations by word and deed, that people everywhere may find new life in God.

We hear your call. We pledge the best of our labors that your glory may be known in all the earth.

STEWARDSHIP

Let us now rise to serve God. Let us renew our commitment to Christ's call for servanthood, obedience, and sacrifice to establish a world of justice, prosperity, and peace.

We rise as one to love and serve the Lord!

(Standing)

TOULON

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a bass line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 'Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill, to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new, that our whole life is of - fered to your will.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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May the words of our lips and the meditations of our hearts —

May the deeds of our hands and the action of our lives —

Be pleasing in your sight, O God our Creator.

Through Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit,

One God of all, world without end.

Amen!

524 Make Us, O God, a Church That Shares

1 Make us, O God, a church that shares your love for hu-man-kind,
 2 Make us, O God, a church that cares for ev-'ry hu-man need,
 3 Make us, O God, a church that dares cou-ra-geous-ly to act;

that lives the truth your word de-clar-es, and heeds the Mas-ter's mind.
 that suf-fers when one life de-spairs, and moves to in-ter-cede.
 that clothes with flesh its fer-vent prayers, and makes the gos-pel fact.

Help us reach out with lov-ing hands in times that try the soul
 Give to our voice proph-et-ic pow'r that stirs each wa-v'ring heart
 Now thrust us from the clois-tered halls where fear-ful souls might hide,

with sym-pa-thy that un-der-stands and makes the need-y whole.
 to meet the chal-lenge of this hour and take a no-ble part.
 and send us forth where du-ty calls to serve the cru-ci-fied!

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TUNE: Traditional English melody. Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

KINGSFOLD

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