

Magnificent Transcendence

Readings, prayers, and hymns

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Magnificent Transcendence

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*Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,
or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens?*

*Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket,
or weighed the mountains on the scales
and the hills in a balance?*

*Who can fathom the Spirit of the Lord,
or instruct the Lord as his counselor?*

*Whom did the Lord consult to enlighten him,
and who taught him the right way?*

*Who was it that taught him knowledge,
or showed him the path of understanding?*

*Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket;
they are regarded as dust on the scales;
he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust.*

*Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires,
nor its animals enough for burnt offerings.*

*Before him all the nations are as nothing;
they are regarded by him as worthless
and less than nothing. (Isaiah 40:12-17, NIV)*

~

Father,
forgive our small ideas about
who You are and
what You do.
Help us to
know You and
trust You for
who You truly are.

Father, Your reality is broader than
our senses or imagination.
Your world stretches far beyond
this tiny realm and
our brief few moments on this earth.
Help us to live wholeheartedly
with You and Your reality in view.

The Magnificent One

Isaiah 6:1-4; Habakkuk 2:20

He is the Magnificent One,
transcendent,
high above,
separate, and
infinitely beyond.

He is
pure,
perfect,
incomparable, and
absolutely glorious.

He is
Supreme,
the Source of all being,
the Creator,
the Uncreated One.

Divine,
eternal,
majestic, and
exalted,

He is
always good,
always just, and
complete in Himself.

He is
the I AM.

He is
Holy God.

~

Father, You are eternal.
Only in You are we eternal.
You are holy.
Only in You are we holy.
You are all-in-all.
Only in You are we complete.

~

Hymn recording: [Worshiping Transcendent God](#)

Worshiping Transcendent God

TUNE: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (PICARDY)
Exodus 3:13-14; Isaiah 6:1-4; Romans 11:36; Revelation 1:8; 4:1-11

♩ = 52

Unison

Dm *A^m* *B^b6* *A sus* *A^{sus}* *A* *A* *Dm* *A* *B^b* *Dm⁷*
C *C* *C* *E* *G* *F* *E* *D* *C*

1. High a - bove, the Sea of all be - ing, Riv - er with - out
 2. O - cean of all light- O how glo - rious! Fa - ther ev - er
 3. Wis - dom, pow'r, and love, God our Fa - ther! Rich, un - dy - ing

Gm⁷ *Gm⁷* *Gm⁹* *Gm* *A sus* *A^{sus}* *A* *Dm* *Dm* *B^bM⁷* *B^bM⁷* *Gm⁹* *Gm*
D *D* *E* *C* *F* *C*

source, with - out end, Sov - 'reign un - cre - a - ted Cre -
 good, ev - er true! All - en - gulf - ing love, ev - er
 life, God the Son! Fill - ing all we are, God the

Dm *Dm* *Dm* *Dm* *A^m* *F sus* *F* *B^b* *B^b* *Gm⁹* *Gm⁷* *A sus* *A*
E *F* *G* *F* *F* *F* *D* *A*

a - tor, Touch - ing all, yet all You tran - scend:
 flow - ing, Fill - ing all You are, all You do:
 Spir - it! All in You are free, all are one.

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 MUSIC: French Carol Melody; arr. by Ken Bible

PICARDY 2
 9.8.9.8.w.Ref.

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Refrain

Dm Gm Gm⁷ Dm $\frac{Dm}{C}$ B^bM⁷ B^b Gm⁶ A

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Dm Gm A⁷ A⁺ Dm $\frac{Dm}{A}$ Dm

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God!

The Transcendent God

*Death is naked before God...
He spreads out the northern skies
over empty space;
he suspends the earth over nothing.
He wraps up the waters in his clouds,
yet the clouds do not burst under their weight.
The pillars of the heavens quake,
aghast at his rebuke.
By his power he churned up the sea...
By his breath the skies became fair...*

*And these are but the outer fringe of his works;
how faint the whisper we hear of him!
Who then can understand
the thunder of his power?
(Job 26:6-8, 11-14, NIV)*

Many insist on a god as small as they are, a human deity comfortably within their puny understanding. They want a god without power, holiness, or transcendence, without fire, anger, zeal, or sovereignty; a god as ignorant, bland, spineless, and apathetic as they. Many prefer a god who is no god at all.

But for the true and living Creator, even our grandest images - the thunder of His power, the oceans of His love - are childish understatements. His love boils over into universes, races, and epochs, bounded only by His own wisdom. His self-giving cannot be stopped any more than a sandcastle can hold back the ocean.

I find comfort in the immanence of God, in His personal nearness and constant presence with me. He is closer and more intimate than any of us can imagine. Knowing Him and realizing His presence have transformed my entire life.

But in the rushing stream of our daily struggle and in the crises that inevitably come, I desperately need to see the transcendent God. I need to be reminded of the God who is God indeed, the One who is bigger than my shriveled perspective; the God who overflows all names and all descriptions; the God whose self-given name, "I AM," suggests that He is being itself, beyond all time and all categories.



Once we grasp that Almighty God is

fully real and
is all He says He is,
everything changes.
Much of our religious talk becomes
pale, humanistic, and irrelevant.
Focusing on anyone or anything other than Him
seems senseless.
Once we know Him,
He commands the stage.

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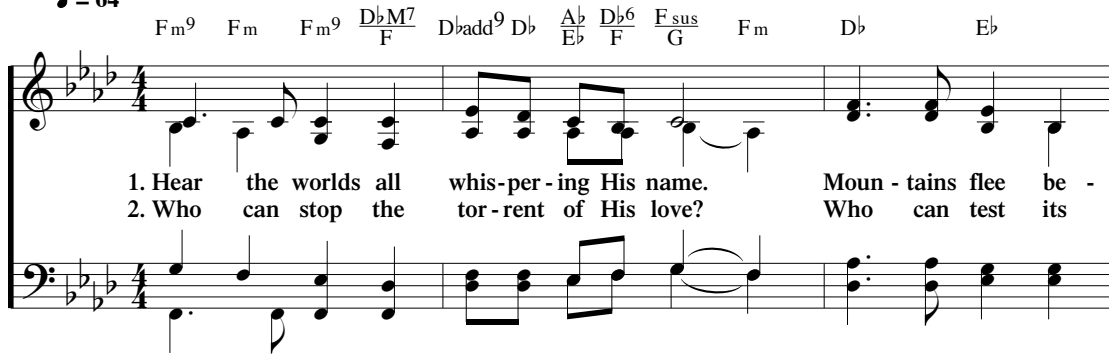
Hymn recording: [Our Lord I AM](#)

Our Lord I AM

Exodus 3:5, 13-14

♩ = 64

Fm⁹ Fm Fm⁹ D^bM7
F D^badd⁹ D^b A^b D^b6 F^{sus} G Fm D^b E^b



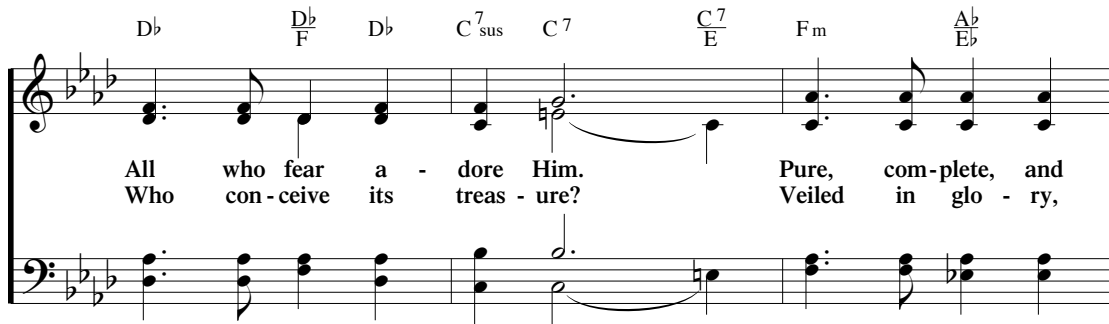
1. Hear the worlds all whis-per-ing His name. Moun-tains flee be-
2. Who can stop the tor-rent of His love? Who can test its

E^b Fm E^m D^bM7 A^b B^bm¹¹ B^bm7 C⁷ C⁷ Fm⁹ Fm E^m
F E^b C G



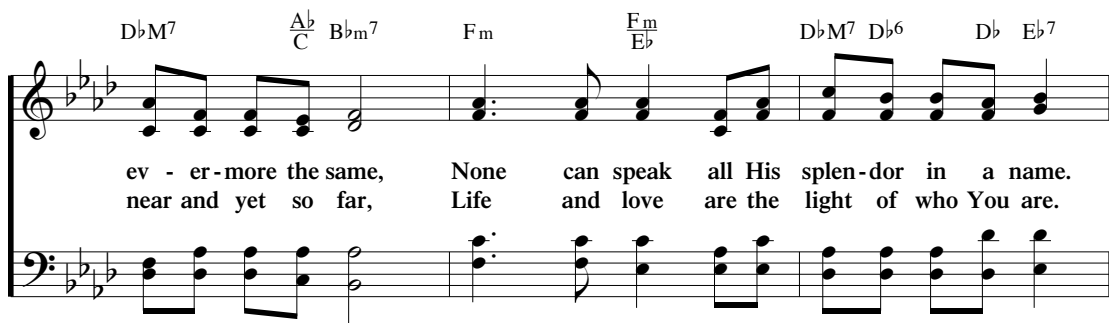
fore Him. meas-ure? All who know Him trem-ble at His voice.
Who can feel the fi-re of His heart?

D^b D^b F D^b C⁷_{sus} C⁷ C⁷ E Fm A^b
E^b



All who fear a-dore Him. Pure, com-plete, and
Who con-ceive its treas-ure? Veiled in glo-ry,

D^bM7 A^b B^bm7 Fm E^m D^bM7 D^b6 D^b E^b7
C E^b



ev-er-more the same, None can speak all His splen-dor in a name.
near and yet so far, Life and love are the light of who You are.

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FEAR THE LORD
Irregular

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$\text{D}\flat$ $\text{E}\flat 7$ $\text{A}\flat$ Fm Fm $\text{D}\flat$ $\text{D}\flat \text{M} 7$ 1 $\text{E}\flat$

I AM. I AM. Bow down. He is I
 (D.S.) I AM. I AM. You are life, the our

F sus Fm D.C. 2 $\text{E}\flat$ D.S. 3 $\text{E}\flat \text{add} 9$ $\text{A}\flat \text{sus}$ $\text{A}\flat \text{sus}$ $\text{A}\flat$ ENDING, short version

AM. Lord Lord I AM.

3 ENDING, extended version
 $\text{E}\flat \text{add} 9$ $\text{E}\flat$ $\text{A}\flat \text{sus}$ $\text{A}\flat \text{sus}$ $\text{A}\flat$ Gm $\text{B}\flat$ F

Lord, I AM. Pure, com-plete, and

$\text{E}\flat \text{M} 7$ $\text{B}\flat$ D $\text{Cm} 7$ Gm Gm F $\text{E}\flat \text{M} 7$ $\text{E}\flat 6$ $\text{E}\flat$ $\text{F} 7$ $\text{E}\flat$ F

ev - er - more the same, None can speak all Your splen-dor in a name. I

$\text{B}\flat$ Gm Gm F $\text{E}\flat$ $\text{E}\flat \text{M} 7$ 1 F $\text{E}\flat$ G $\text{F} 7$ 2 $\text{Fadd} 9$ F $\text{B}\flat \text{sus}$ $\text{B}\flat \text{sus}$ $\text{B}\flat$

AM. I AM. You are the Lord I Lord I AM.
 AM. I AM. Our life, our

Inscrutable God

Unsearchable...
mysterious...
unfathomable...
beyond investigation or
 scrutiny –
He is the
 inscrutable God.

No human effort can
 search Him out or
 penetrate His mystery.
But He longs to be fully known by
 those He created from Himself.
He works tirelessly to reveal Himself
 clearly and
 completely.

As we actively trust Him,
 we come to know Him.
But trusting and knowing God
 are a gradual, growing process.
Our immature faith,
 our lingering self-centeredness,
 our smallness and
 fearfulness
sometimes blind us to His
 goodness and
 rightness.

When we don't understand what God is
 doing or not doing,
know that it is because
His wisdom and
 power and
 love
are greater than we can possibly comprehend.
We can find perfect peace in
 trusting Him,
 even when we don't understand Him.

~

Father, at present
I see Your goodness most
as You meet my narrow little needs.
Broaden my heart
that I might know
more of Your magnificence.

~

Hymn recording: [Inscrutable God](#)

Inscrutable God

Deuteronomy 29:29; Isaiah 55:8-9; Ephesians 3:8;
1 Timothy 6:15-16; 1 John 1:5

♩ = 52

Unison

Dm Am⁷ Dm $\frac{Dm}{A}$ Dm $\frac{Dm}{F}$ Gm Gm⁷ B \flat B \flat M⁷

1. In - scrut - a - ble God, Our tho'ts are small; Your ways, so high, so
2. Mys - ter - i - ous God, The One we trust But can - not un - der -
3. O Unchang-ing God, Your pow - er spoke The world we touch and

D^{sus}_A $\frac{Dm}{A}$ Am⁷ Dm $\frac{Dm}{A}$ Dm D^{sus} $\frac{Dm}{F}$ Gm E B \flat M⁷ B \flat

far. Un - search - a - ble God, In fear's dark night You seem a dis - tant
stand; O Love Be - yond Words, Pure good - ness guides Your wise, al - might - y
see. And Fa - ther, we know Pure love has planned The world that soon will

C^{sus} C B \flat Dm $\frac{F}{A}$ Am Gm Gm⁷ $\frac{Gm^7}{B\flat}$

star, But faith still sees a glo - rious sun A - blaze with all You
hand. You speak, and all the heav - ens rain The rich - es You com -
be. We wait to see in morn-ing's light This pres - ent mys - ter -

A^{sus} $\frac{A^s}{E}$ Am $\frac{Dm}{A}$ Am⁷ Dm $\frac{Dm}{A}$ B \flat Am Dm $\frac{Dm}{A}$ Dm

are, O Ra - di - ant God! Mag - ni - fi - cent God!
mand, Mag - ni - fi - cent God! In - scrut - a - ble God!
y, Mag - ni - fi - cent God! In - scrut - a - ble God!

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INSCRUTABLE GOD
5.4.6.5.4.6.8.6.5.5.

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Isaiah's Vision

Isaiah 6

Near the beginning of Isaiah's ministry,
God gave him a vision of Himself.
This vision would color
everything Isaiah understood and said
about God and His people.

Uzziah had been one of the country's better kings and
had reigned 52 years.
Most of his subjects had only known this one king
throughout their entire lives.
So his death was a time of
uneasiness and
uncertainty.

At such a time, God allowed Isaiah to see
the one True King,
the absolute ruler of all the universe,
high and exalted,
sitting on a throne.

But since God is spirit,
he doesn't have a body and
thus doesn't literally sit on a throne.

The throne helps us understand that
God is a King.

And the setting suggests that He is
THE King.

Note that though Isaiah says, "I saw the Lord,"
he never physically describes God.

The same is true of other throne-room visions in the Bible.

But what Isaiah sees and hears and senses in God's surroundings
grips him with God's overwhelming
reality and
holiness.

Though physically undescribed,
God is at the center of the picture,
filling and overflowing it.

The train of His majestic robe fills the temple.
The picture of His glory includes
"Seraphim,"

literally, "burning ones".
With four of their six wings,
they express their humility,
covering their face and feet in God's presence.
With the other two wings, they stand ready to fly and
do God's will at a moment's notice,
The entire building trembles with
their thunderous, unceasing praise.

Isaiah's response:
"I am ruined...doomed...destroyed!
For I am thoroughly unclean, and
everyone around me is unclean,
yet my eyes have seen
the King,
the Lord of all reality,
the Holy One".

But Holy God doesn't drive the unworthy sinner away.
He cleanses him.
He draws him near.
He calls him.
He uses him.
When God needs a messenger,
Isaiah is first in line.
He is eager to share
this magnificent God!
His lips, formerly unclean,
are now privileged to carry
God's holy word.

~

Holy God, You are truth,
constant and complete.
The only way a
weak, inconstant creature like me
can come to You is
humbly and honestly,
confessing my complete neediness.

~

Hymn recording: [Isaiah 6](#)

Isaiah 6

♩ = 54

Unison Am⁷ Dm Dm^A Dm A⁷ Dm Dm^A Dm C⁷

1. O Ho - ly God, Ex - alt - ed God, Be - yond our
 2. See all a - bove- Your an - gels glow. Their lives and
 3. Here in Your light, I see my - self. I see my
 4. All need to know! O Lord, send me! And may my

F^A F^C F^{sus} Dm Gm⁷ Gm⁹ Bb^{M7} Bb C C^{sus} Am⁷

thoughts and hopes, A - bove all we can be; The God un -
 voic - es boom The thun - der of Your praise. O what a
 sin, my shame, My heart so far a - way. You draw me
 lips, my life Ex - press the love I feel. Lord, lift their

Dm Dm^A Dm A⁷ Dm Dm^A Dm C⁷

seen, And yet we see- Your glo - ry
 sound! The heav - ens quake, And all cre -
 near. You make me clean. O what a
 eyes, Lift up their hearts That they may

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ISAIAH 6
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F
A F F
E Dm G⁷_{sus} Gm⁷ B^bM⁷ B^b C C_{sus} Am⁷

1, 2, 3
Dm $\frac{Dm}{A}$ Dm

floods all worlds And all e - ter - ni - ty, O Ho - ly God!
 a - tion joins The might-y song they raise, O Ho - ly God!
 gift of grace I nev - er can re - pay, O Ho - ly God!
 see You here, So good, so great, so real, O Ho - ly

4
Dm $\frac{Dm}{A}$ Dm Am⁷ B^b $\frac{Bb}{A}$ Gm⁷ $\frac{C^7}{E}$ Dm

God! The Ho - ly God! Great Ho - ly God!

We Need to See You

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted. (Isaiah 6:1, NASB)

Father, we are flooded with so many needs,
but our real need is
You.

We need to know You for all You are,
the One true God,
high and lifted up,
the Holy One,
our Source and Goal,
the All-in-all,
our Eternal Father.

We need to see You for all You are.
We need to trust You
always
for all You are.

Lift our eyes, Father.
Help us to see You.

~

God wants us to know Him.
His most intricate and detailed works—
creation,
the Bible,
even the Old Testament tabernacle—
are those that fill our mind and senses with Him.
Father, I want to know You.
Open me to receive You.

~

Hymn recording: [Simply Seeing You](#)

Simply Seeing You

Psalm 23:4; 2 Corinthians 3:18

♩ = 56

C Dm7 Cadd9 $\frac{C}{E}$ F $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G⁷_{sus} G⁷

Sim - ply see - ing You, Dark - ness all a - round me;

C Dm7 $\frac{Cadd9}{E}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ F F⁶ Dm⁹ Dm⁷ G_{sus} G

Know - ing You are true When the light has failed;

C Dm7 $\frac{Cadd9}{E}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G}{F}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ C $\frac{CM7}{E}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ F

Fear is brushed a - side, Glo - ry all with - in me,

$\frac{C}{G}$ A_m F FM⁷ G⁷ $\frac{F}{G}$ C

Love - ly Lord, Sim - ply see - ing You.

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SIMPLY SEEING YOU
5.6.5.5.5.6.3.5.

Transcendent and Immanent

O God, You are transcendent,
infinitely above us in every way,
separate from this entire creation,
of another realm,
an unbounded Spirit being
unhindered by space and time.

Your seraphim, Your “burning ones”
celebrate Your infinite exaltedness,
Your separate-ness,
Your utter purity,
crying to each other
instinctively,
unceasingly,

*“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”* (Isaiah 6:3, NIV)

But, O our God, You are also immanent,
personally,
intimately,
completely,
constantly
with us,
in the fullest sense,
with all You are.

Above us,
around us,
encompassing us,
infilling us,
transcendent,
yet immanent!

Praise and eternal worship be to You alone,
Magnificent God!



We fail to fully grasp
the wonderful reality of God because in our
small and
self-centered hearts,

we cannot conceive
any Being
so much greater than ourselves.

~

Hymn recording: [Transcendent and Immanent](#)

Transcendent and Immanent

Genesis 2:7; Psalm 73:23-28; Isaiah 6:1; 40:12-26; 55:8-9; 57:15;
Acts 17:28; Ephesians 3:14-21

♩ = 60

N.C. $\text{B}\flat$
C F Gm7 $\text{E}\flat$ B \flat C sus C B \flat
Unison

1. Be - yond all sense, be - yond all thought, Be - yond all
2. You fill our sense, You fill each breath. You are the
3. O Ho - ly God, all - pres - ent friend, For - ev - er

dreams, a - bove all know - ing, The on - ly pow'r, the on - ly
Light that brings our know - ing. For - ev - er here, for - ev - er
feel - ing, hear - ing, see - ing, Fill all I think and dream and

love, For - ev - er full and o - ver - flow - ing.
good, You flood our hearts to o - ver - flow - ing!
do! Be all You are through all my be - ing!

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MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

BARBARA ALLEN A-2
8.9.8.9.

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Earth Crawlers

*Do you not know? Have you not heard?
Has it not been declared to you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is He who sits above the circle of the earth,
And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers,
Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain
And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.
He it is who reduces rulers to nothing,
Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless.
Scarcely have they been planted,
Scarcely have they been sown,
Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth,
But He merely blows on them, and they wither,
And the storm carries them away like stubble.
(Isaiah 40:21-24, NASB)*

We were staying in Mackinaw City, on the shore of Lake Huron. Looking out over the waters, to the left was a beautiful view of the Mackinac Bridge.

From that distance, the vehicles seemed to be just creeping across the bridge. It reminded me of Genesis 1:24 where it talks about the “creeping things” God created on earth. From a higher perspective, our human race is among those creatures creeping across the surface of this tiny planet. How small and lowly we are! Only the image of our Creator makes us special. And how little we value that image, so arrogantly discarded long ago.

We crawl across the surface of this speck of dust, small, earthbound, in the grip of space and time. We are so small in mind that we mock the possibility of any reality beyond our own.

It reminds me how foolish we are to live for the glory that comes from our fellow earth crawlers. We were created for so much more! Father, raise my eyes. Lift my heart to crave the glory that comes only from You, the Eternal God of all truth, beauty, light, and life. You call me to be Your own child, holy in You, complete in You, forever one with You. Lord, help me to long for nothing else!

~

Father, we small, weak, short-lived creatures
puff ourselves up and
prance across this little stage,
pretending we are in charge,

pretending we are invincible.
How foolish we must look to You!
Sovereign God, You are our Father.
We trust in You.

~

Hymn recording: [Hungry for God](#)

Hungry for God

*1 Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 1:3-4; 3:14-21; 4:22-24;
Philippians 1:9; Colossians 1:27; 2:9-10*

♩ = 88

$A\flat$ $E\flat^{7sus}$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ $D\flat$ $B\flat m7$ $A\flat$ C $A\flat$ $D\flat add9$ $D\flat$ $E\flat7$ $A\flat$ $E\flat^{7sus}$ $A\flat$

1. Fa - ther, I love You, trust You, need You. God ev - er
 2. Je - sus is good-ness, kind - ness, right-ness. He is Your
 3. Give me Your Spir - it. Breathe Him dai - ly. Lord, You are

$D\flat$ $A\flat$ Fm $D\flat M7$ $D\flat6$ $E\flat sus$ $E\flat$ $E\flat7$ $A\flat$ $E\flat^{7sus}$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ $D\flat$ $D\flat$ $B\flat m7$

ho - ly, be ho - ly in me! Here in my weak-ness,
 glo - ry- O form Him in me! Ho - ly and hum - ble,
 love, so be love now through me, Love that is pur - er,

$A\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $D\flat add9$ F F $G\circ$ $A\flat$ $E\flat^{7sus}$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ Fm $E\flat7$ $A\flat$ C $B\flat m7$ $A\flat$ $E\flat7$ $A\flat$

small-ness, blind-ness, Be all You are in Your full maj - es - ty!
 trust - ing, lov - ing, Make me in Him all You want me to be!
 wis - er, strong-er, Love that the need - y are hun - gry to see!

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HUNGRY FOR GOD
9.10.9.10.

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Justice

*His work is perfect,
For all His ways are just;
A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
Righteous and upright is He.*
(Deuteronomy 32:4, NASB)

How do we know what is just and right in any particular situation? What is justice after all?

We usually think of justice as a certain standard of fairness, of right and wrong. We say that God is just because He consistently adheres to that standard.

But God is the creator and source of all. There is no separate standard of justice to which we compare Him. There is no outside set of rules by which He must abide in order to be “just”. He Himself is the standard of justice. Justice flows from His character and is seen in all His actions. We say that He is just because we see that He is always consistent with Himself. His actions are always consistent with His perfect wisdom and perfect love.

So how can we understand justice and live just lives?

We are just when we are like Him. Our actions are just when we act like Him.

We often think of justice and mercy as opposites...or at least as two competing values that must be balanced. We see justice as absolute rightness, and mercy as a kindly compromise with justice. But when we realize that justice and mercy are both descriptions of God’s nature, we see them not as opposites to be balanced. They are two facets of the same jewel. God is always completely merciful and always completely just.

Thus when we are called to seek justice in this unjust world, we are not called to a specific social agenda. We are called to think and live and be like God. We are called to be holy as He is holy, to live and speak the truth as He is the truth, to love as He loves. We are called to be His children, His ambassadors, His servants, His hands.

The Old Testament beautifully pictures our just and loving God, reporting His words and actions over many centuries. But He is most completely revealed in Jesus Christ. Christ is *the image of the invisible God* (Colossians 1:15) and *the exact representation of His being* (Hebrews 1:3). What is more, Christ enables us not only to see and know God, but to live in Him, and He in us. He gives us the Spirit of God so that by simple faith, we

can live just and loving lives in this present world. Through His people, and above His people, God is creating the just world that He has promised.

~

Father, Your goodness, justice, and mercy
are such a comfort to us!
We depend on them,
appreciate them, and
praise You for them.
So help us to be good, just, and merciful with
everyone we touch.

~

Hymn recording: [Justice Hymn](#)

Justice Hymn

TUNE: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (EASTER HYMN, alt.)
*Deuteronomy 32:3-4; Psalm 145; Isaiah 1:17; 11:1-9; Amos 5:24;
 Micah 6:8; Matthew 6:9-10; Mark 13:32-37; Romans 13:8-10*

♩ = 84

C G/B C F E/C C C ^{Csus}/_D ^C/_E Dm⁷ FM⁷ F ^C/_G G G⁷ C

1. God of wis - dom, pa - tient, kind, Jus - tice is to be like You.
 2. Christ, the Fa - ther's hu - man face, Jus - tice is to love like You.
 3. As we work and watch and wait, Fa - ther God, Your King - dom come!

E/A C F ^C/_E Dm⁷ ^{Dm⁷}/_E ^{Am}/_{F#} ^C/_G G C ^{Csus}/_D ^C/_E Dm⁷ FM⁷ F ^C/_G G G⁷ C

Good - ness, mer - cy un - con - fined, Jus - tice is to be like You.
 Rich com - pas - sion, tire - less grace, Jus - tice is to love like You.
 Cleanse, re - new, and re - cre - ate - Fa - ther God, Your King - dom come!

G ^{Dsus}/_A ^{D⁷}/_A ^G/_B G ^G/_F ^C/_E ^{G⁷}/_D ^{G⁷}/_D C G ^{Gsus}/_A ^G/_B Am⁷ CM⁷ C ^G/_D D D⁷ G ^G/_D

Joy - ful giv - er, glad to share, Jus - tice is to be like You.
 Heal - ing bod - y, heart, and mind, Jus - tice is to love like You.
 Bless our world with love's in - crease! Fa - ther God, Your King - dom come!

WORDS: Ken Bible
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica* (1708) and Ken Bible

EASTER HYMN 2
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G G⁹_{sus} G $\frac{G}{F}$ $\frac{C}{E}$ C CM⁷ F $\frac{F}{C}$ C C $\frac{C}{E}$ F Dm⁷ $\frac{C}{G}$ G G⁷ C

Fear - less love and ten - der care, Jus - tice is to be like You.
 Ho - ly, truth - ful, deep - ly kind, Jus - tice is to love like You.
 First Your jus - tice, then Your peace. Fa - ther God, Your King - dom come!

Reflection on Psalm 15

Lord God,
Holy God,
High above all that I am and
 all that I can imagine,
You ask me to come to You.
You invite me to come to You.
But I am completely unworthy of You.
How can I come?
How should I come?

You are holy.
 I come humbly.
You are mercy.
 I come repenting.
You are perfect in power,
perfect in wisdom,
perfect in love.
 I come trusting You.

You are truth.
I will meditate on Your truth,
 speak Your truth, and
 live Your truth.

You love each of us,
 all of us,
deeply and
 completely.
Father, I will love each of us,
 all of us,
as You love us,
 deeply,
 completely,
 actively,
 generously,
 fearlessly.

But God,
 I can do none of this on my own.
I will depend on Your
 almighty,

all-wise,
all-loving Spirit.
You pour Him out
freely,
lavishly
on all who
come to You as a child,
all who
simply
trust
You.

~

Father,
thank You,
thank You,
thank You!
In Christ You make me worthy of
Your holy, beautiful presence.
You welcome me with a
smile and
bless me.
And You are faithfully making me
more and more like Christ day by day.
Praise to You!

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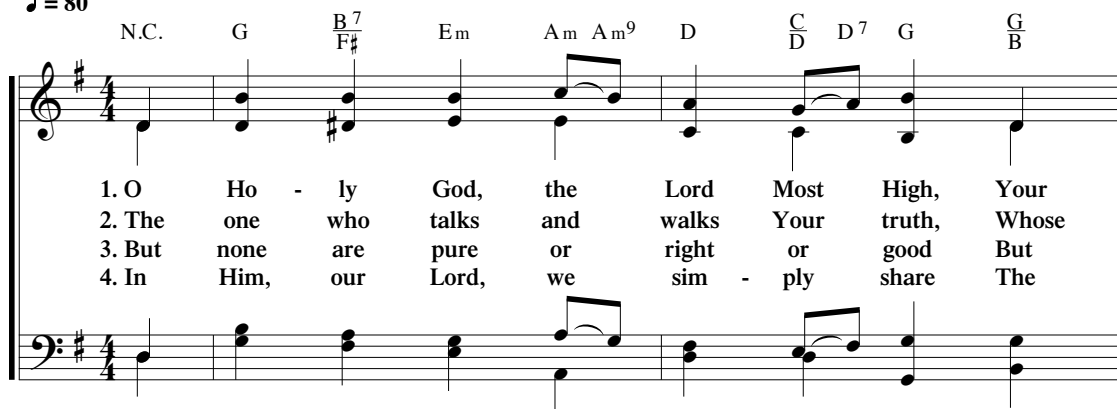
Hymn recording: [Psalm 15](#)

Psalm 15

TUNE: Lord, Speak to Me (CANONBURY, alt.)

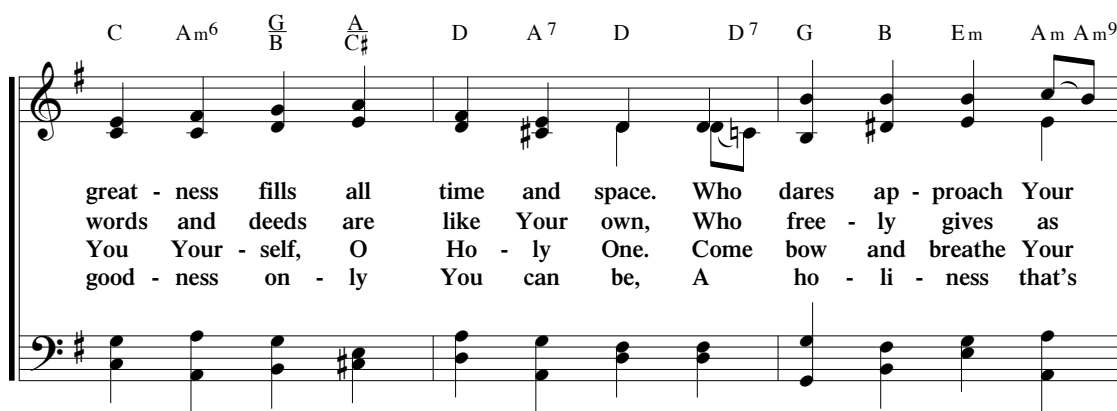
♩ = 80

N.C. G B⁷_{F#} Em Am Am⁹ D C_D D⁷ G G_B



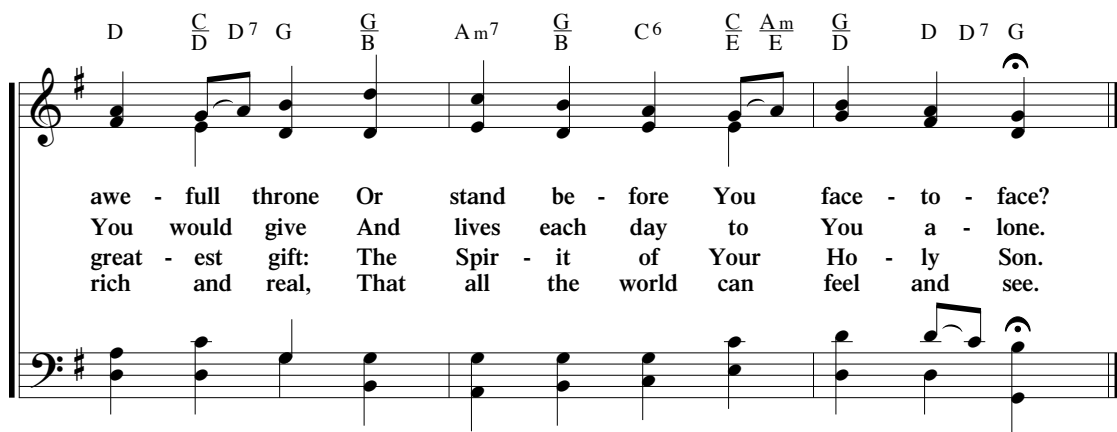
1. O Ho - ly God, the Lord Most High, Your
 2. The one who talks and walks Your truth, Whose
 3. But none are pure or right or good But
 4. In Him, our Lord, we sim - ply share The

C Am⁶ G_B A_{C#} D A⁷ D D⁷ G B Em Am Am⁹



great - ness fills all time and space. Who dares ap - proach Your
 words and deeds are like Your own, Who free - ly gives as
 You Your - self, O Ho - ly One. Come bow and breathe Your
 good - ness on - ly You can be, A ho - li - ness that's

D C_D D⁷ G G_B Am⁷ G_B C⁶ C_E A_E^m G_D D D⁷ G



awe - full throne Or stand be - fore You face - to - face?
 You would give And lives each day to You a - lone.
 great - est gift: The Spir - it of Your Ho - ly Son.
 rich and real, That all the world can feel and see.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Robert Schumann (1810-1856) and Ken Bible

CANONBURY 2

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Alternate Tune: GERMANY

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Reflection on Psalm 93

Yahweh,
Creator,
Savior,
our Father,
 rules all reality as
 Sovereign King.
Absolute power and
unimaginable glory
 surround Him like a garment.
His control is
 eternal,
 unshakable and
 unchallenged.
The world's
 stability and
 security
rest not on created things
but on
 Him.

The chaos
 in our world and
 in our lives
seems
 fierce and
 threatening,
But His Word is
 sovereign.
His love is
 all-wise and
 unfailing.
His faithfulness is
 absolutely,
 eternally
 dependable.

~

Lift the eyes of your imagination to
the Lord on High!

Compare Him to
the grandest images from
anywhere in creation, and
He is more majestic,
more solid,
more everlasting,
more wonderful.
Praise to You, Almighty God!
We are immovable in You!

~

Hymn recording: [Psalm 93](#)

Psalm 93

♩ = 76

Chords: Dm, Dm/C, Gm/Bb, A⁷ sus, A⁷, F, C/E, C

1. Raise your eyes— faith can see Bound-less might,
 2. He the King rules a-lone. All that is,
 3. Cha-os roars, wa-ters rise, An-gry storms
 4. Ev-'ry joy, pure and true, Ev-'ry good

Chords: Bb/D, Gm¹¹/D, A⁷ sus, A⁷, Bb, E/A, Bb/D, C⁷/E, Fadd⁹, F

maj-es-ty, Pur-est light, yet mys-ter-y,
 worlds un-known Stand on His un-shak-en throne.
 veil the skies. Ev-'ry threat will bow its eyes,
 we pur-sue, Ev-'ry beau-ty sings of You,

Chords: Gm/Bb, Gm⁷, A⁷, Dm, D sus, Dm, Dm/C, Gm⁶/Bb, Gm⁷/Bb, Am⁷, Dm, Dm/A, Dm

God in all His glo-ry! Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!
 Un-i-mag-ined glo-ry! Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!
 Lift-ing high His glo-ry. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!
 God of end-less glo-ry! Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!

WORDS: Ken Bible
 MUSIC: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582, and Ken Bible

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Reflection on Psalm 99

When we think of God as being
 “above us”,
what do we mean?
It is less matter of
 physical location than
 quality of being.
His transcendence means He is
 outside this creation,
 separate from it,
 unlimited by it.
He is “above” it in the sense that He
 sees it all,
 knows it all,
 controls it all,
 is infinitely greater than it all, and
 is qualified to judge it all,
 perfectly and
 completely.

And yet...

His love keeps Him in
 constant,
 intimate contact
with us and
 with our physical home
 at every level.
That’s why He incarnated Himself –
 made Himself one of us –
so that He could
 touch us,
 share in our lives, and
 fully share Himself with us.
He draws near to us and
 longs to draw us near to Him.
He speaks to us and
 eagerly waits for us to
 speak to Him.

His holiness –
that is, His

purity and
 transcendence –
does not keep Him separate from us.
On the contrary,
because He is holy,
His love is
 pure and
 undiluted,
 burning,
 yearning,
 ceaseless working
to unite us to Himself.
His goal is simply this:
 that we might trust Him
so that He can work all His
 magnificent
 loving will
in us
 forever.

~

 O Living God,
 how every person on earth would
 tremble
 if they fully realized that
 You are REAL, and
You are everything You claim to be.
 You are holy!
 You are just!
 You answer when we
 talk to You and
 obey You.
We turn to You now and
 bow to You.
We trust You and
 exalt You,
 Holy God!

~

Hymn recording: [Psalm 99](#)

Psalm 99

♩ = 54

Unison

1. O ho - ly God, we lift our eyes, Not to a
 2. With all Your strength You seek Your own. You yearn to
 3. What can we say, what can we do And how re -

place be - yond our skies, But to a Life be - yond our
 know and to be known. You shout Your love and make it
 spond, Great God, to You? May all our hearts, our deeds, our

own, A bound-less Mind, a sov - 'reign Throne.
 clear, Then tune Your heart and long to hear.
 days Be sim - ple trust and joy - ful praise.

WORDS: Ken Bible
 MUSIC: Ken Bible, inspired by a Traditional Folk Tune

PSALM 99
 L.M.

Alt. Tunes: GERMANY; OLD 100TH
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Reflection on Psalm 131

Father, You are All-in-all.

I am need.

You are self-contained,
self-sufficient,
always overflowing,
always freely giving.

I am inherently, totally dependent.

You created me for
constant, complete dependence on You.

You designed me for
constant, complete relationship with You.

You destined me for
constant, complete fullness in You.

So, my Father, seeing
You for all You are and
myself for all I am not,

I set aside my self-importance,
my futile struggles,
my frantic grasping,
my fruitless ambition.

I welcome
humility.

I embrace
contentment.

I breathe
the simplicity of childlike trust.

I come to You like a weaned infant –
not scrambling to satisfy my own desires,
but quietly resting in You.

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Strong and gentle Father,
continue to draw me to
rest in You
simply and
constantly.

~

Hymn recording: [Psalm 131](#)

Psalm 131

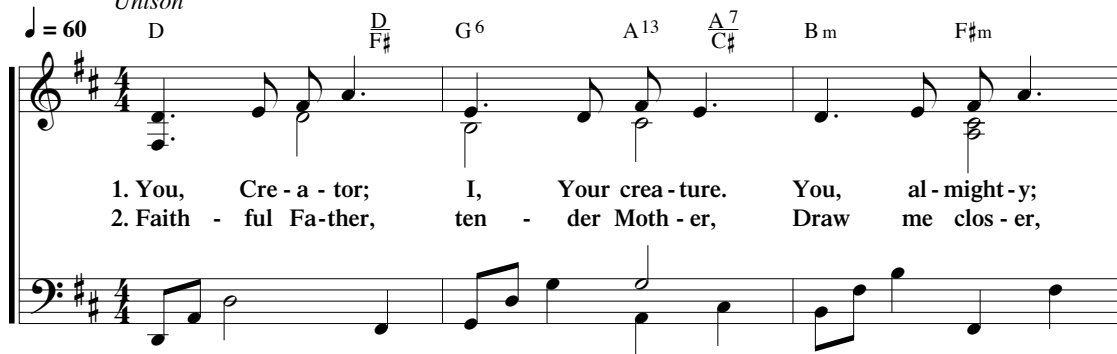
TUNE: SUO GAN

Quietly

Unison

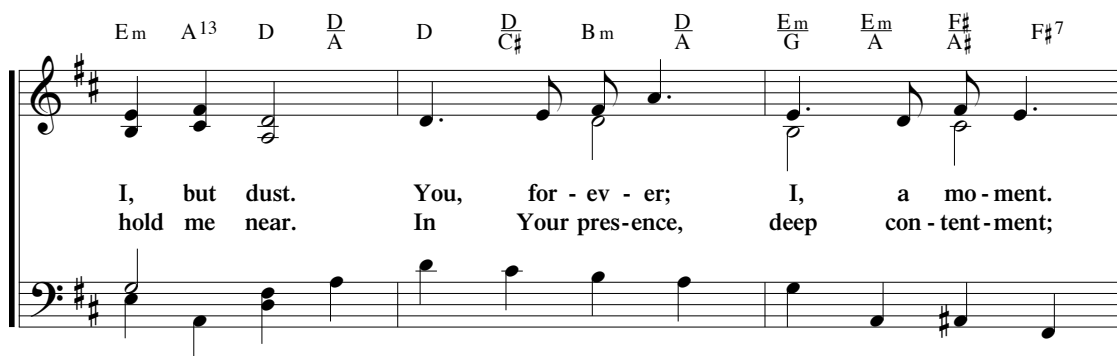
♩ = 60

D D^{F#} G⁶ A¹³ A⁷_{C#} B^m F^{#m}



1. You, Cre - a - tor; I, Your crea - ture. You, al - might - y;
2. Faith - ful Fa - ther, ten - der Moth - er, Draw me clos - er,

E^m A¹³ D D^A D D^{C#} B^m D^A E^m_G E^m_A F[#]_{A#} F^{#7}



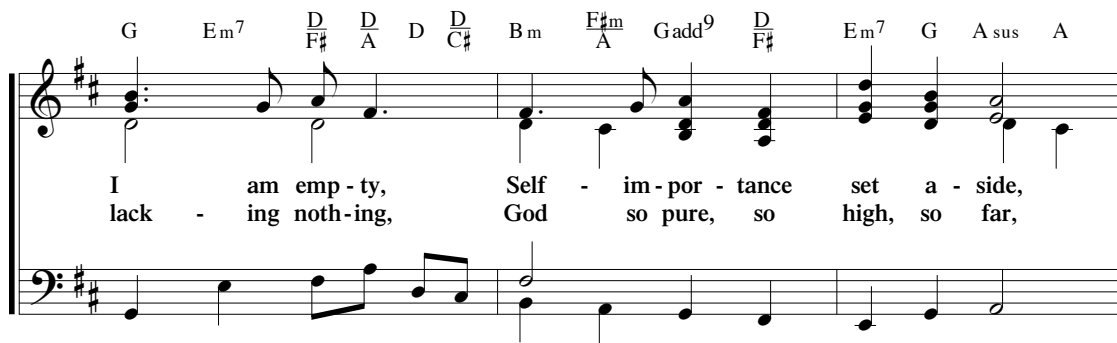
I, but dust. You, for - ev - er; I, a mo - ment.
hold me near. In Your pres - ence, deep con - tent - ment;

B^m B^{m9}_A G^{M7} D^{F#} E^m A¹³ D G D D^{sus}_E D^{F#} D D^{F#}



You, per - fec - tion, kind and just. You are full - ness;
All is qui - et rest - ing here. Sweet - ly help - less,

G E^{m7} D^{F#} D^A D D^{C#} B^m F^{#m}_A G^{add9} D^{F#} E^{m7} G A^{sus} A



I am emp - ty, Self - im - por - tance set a - side,
lack - ing noth - ing, God so pure, so high, so far,

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Traditional Welsh Melody; arr. by Ken Bible

SUO GAN

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Alt. Tune: NETTLETON

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D $\frac{D}{C\sharp}$ Bm $\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ $\frac{Em}{A}$ $\frac{E\sharp}{A\sharp}$ F \sharp^7 Bm $\frac{Bm^9}{A}$ G M7 $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$ Em A¹³ D

Fool - ish grasp-ing, fruit - less wor - ry, Proud de - lu - sions cru - ci - fied.
 Qui - et wor-ship, sim - ply be - ing, Know - ing, trust-ing all You are.

Your Holy Temple

*I will be careful to lead a blameless life...
I will walk in my house
with blameless heart.
I will set before my eyes
no vile thing...
I will have nothing to do with evil.
(Psalm 101:2-4, NIV)*

*Do you not know that your body is
a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you,
whom you have received from God?
You are not your own;
you were bought at a price.
Therefore honor God with your body.
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20, NIV)*

Father,
I cherish Your holy presence
always with me,
always in me, and
always enveloping me.

Help me never to entertain thoughts
that are offensive to You
or say words that are unloving
or take actions unworthy of the name of Christ.

By Your Holy Spirit,
by simple faith,
keep my heart, mind, and life pure,
fit for your use.

*If a man cleanses himself...
he will be an instrument for noble purposes,
made holy, useful to the Master and
prepared to do any good work.
(2 Timothy 2:21, NIV)*

Father, am I clinging to any
habits or
attitudes
that draw me from You?
Show me, and
help me put them aside.

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Hymn recording: [Prayer for Purity](#)

Prayer for Purity

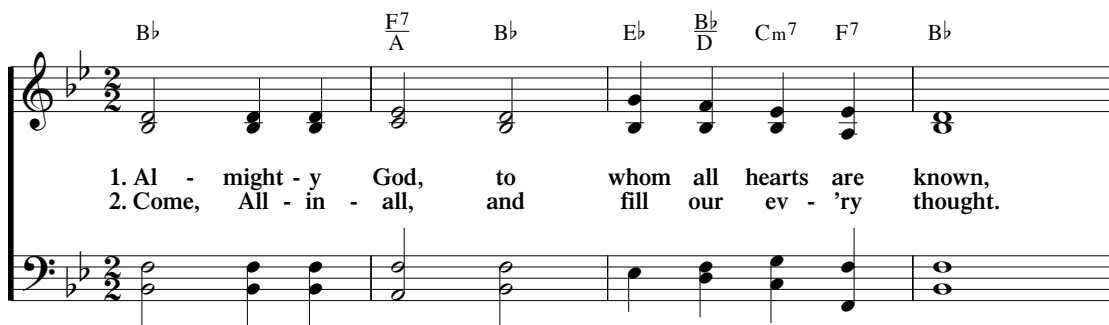
TUNE: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (MORECAMBE)

Genesis 2:7; Psalm 19:14; 51:10; 139:1-4, 23-24;

Ephesians 1:5-6; 3:14-19; 1 Peter 1:14-19

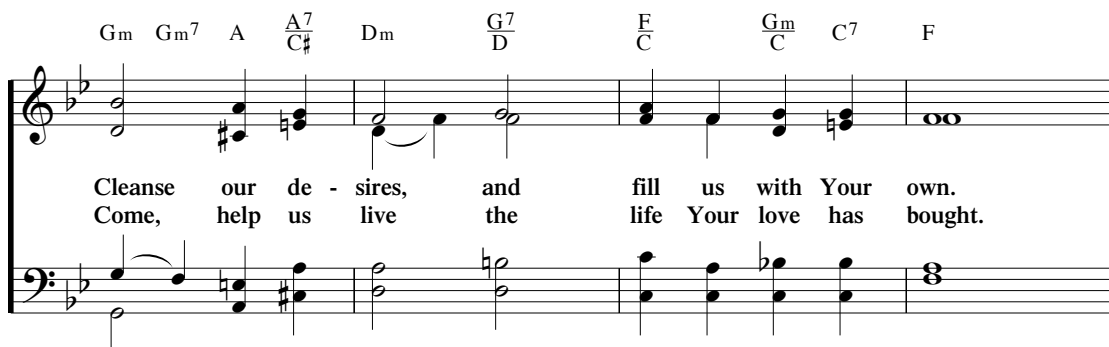
♩ = 48

B \flat F 7 /A B \flat E \flat B \flat /D C m^7 F 7 B \flat



1. Al - might - y God, to whom all hearts are known,
2. Come, All - in - all, and fill our ev - 'ry thought.

G m G m^7 A A 7 /C \sharp D m G 7 /D F C G m /C C 7 F



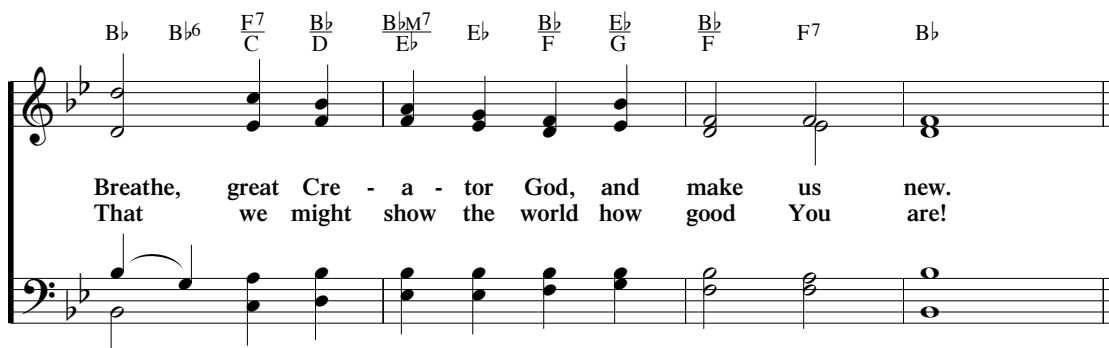
Cleanse our de - sires, and fill us with Your own.
Come, help us live and the life Your love has bought.

F F 7 E \flat /F F 7 E \flat /F F 7 E \flat /F F 7



All that we are lies o - pen here to You.
Give us Your - self, so great, so near, so far,

B \flat B \flat^6 F 7 /C B \flat /D B \flat M 7 /E \flat E \flat B \flat /F E \flat /G B \flat /F F 7 B \flat



Breathe, great Cre - a - tor God, and make us new.
That we might show the world how good You are!

WORDS: Ken Bible, based on *The Book of Common Prayer*
MUSIC: Frederick C. Atkinson

MORECAMBE
10.10.10.10.

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