original hymns

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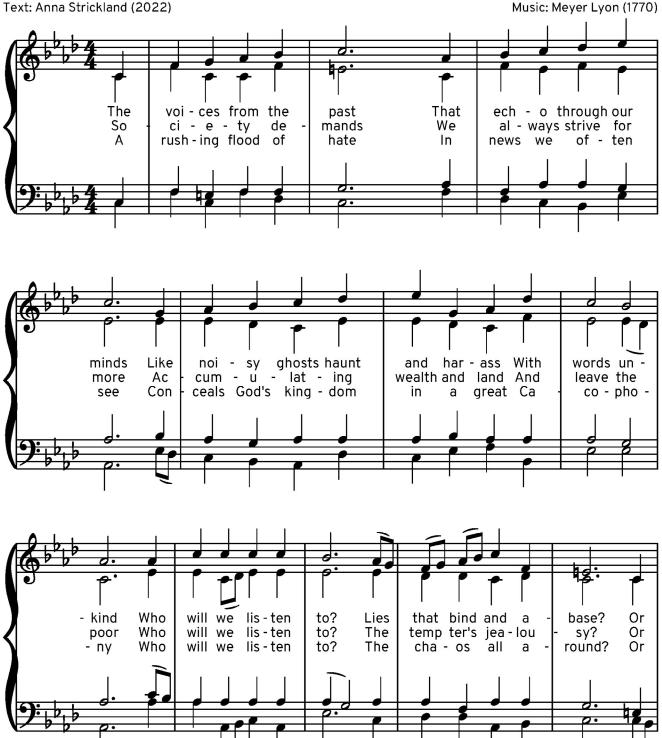


seeking: honest questions for deeper faith

who will you listen to?

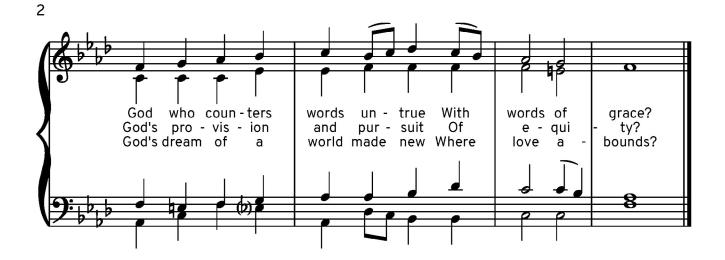
LEONI ("The God of Abraham Praise")

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT **seeking:** Who will you listen to?

who will you listen to?

LEONI ("The God of Abraham Praise")

The voices from the past That echo through our minds Like noisy ghosts haunt and harass With words unkind Who will we listen to? Lies that bind and abase? Or God who counters words untrue With words of grace?

Society demands We always strive for more Accumulating wealth and land And leave the poor Who will we listen to? The tempter's jealousy? Or God's provision and pursuit Of equity? A rushing flood of hate In news we often see

Conceals God's kingdom in a great Cacophony Who will we listen to? The chaos all around? Or God's dream of a world made new

Where love abounds?



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT Seeking: How do we begin again?

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT **Seeking:** How do we begin again?

begin again

DIX ("For the Beauty of the Earth")

In the deep night of the soul Rich in questions, yearning for Life that matters far beyond Picket fences and front lawns When we tire of life mundane We can still begin again

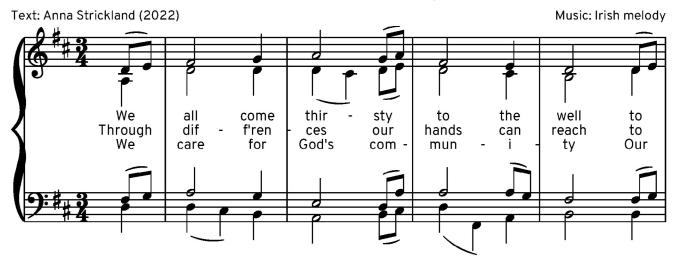
In the sunset of our life After years of joy and strife As we ponder legacy Wondering what we will leave When the lights are growing dim We can still begin again

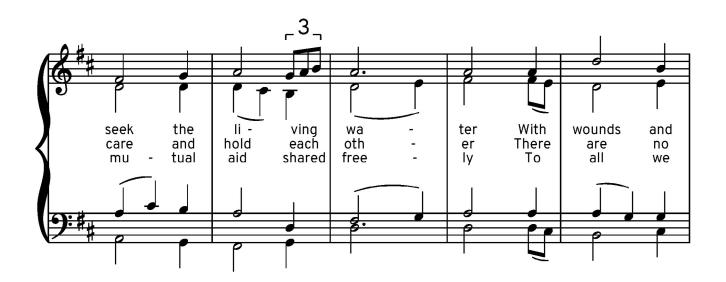
Every morning, every hour Spirit gifts us with the power To begin our life anew What then will we choose to do? Close a chapter, lift the pen To once more begin again



we all come thirsty

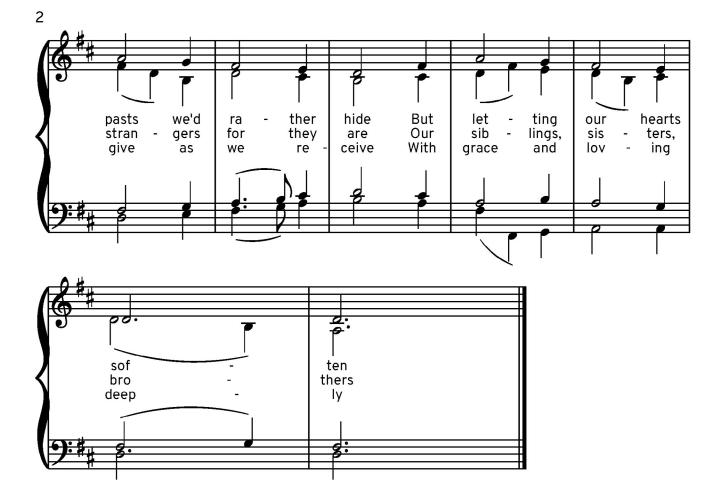
ST. COLUMBA ("The King of Love My Shepherd Is")





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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT **seeking:** Will you give me a drink?

we all come thirsty

ST. COLUMBA ("The King of Love My Shepherd Is")

We all come thirsty to the well To seek the living water With wounds and pasts we'd rather hide But letting our hearts soften

Through differences our hands can reach To care and hold each other There are no strangers for they are Our siblings, sisters, brothers

We care for God's community Our mutual aid shared freely To all we give as we receive With grace and loving deeply



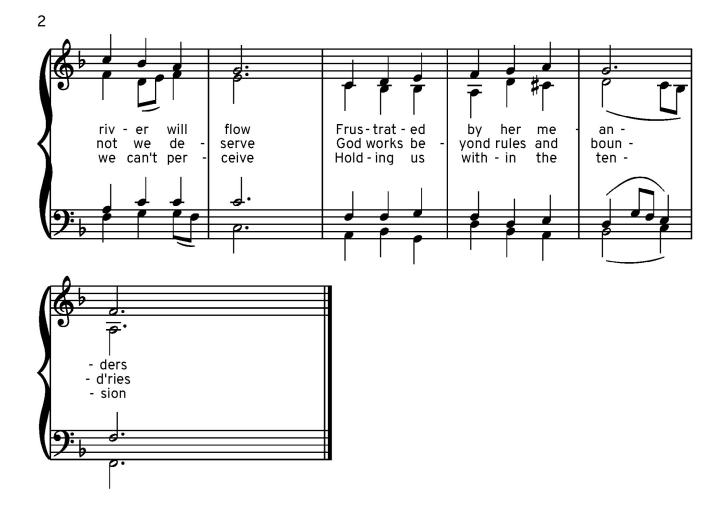
we come with questions

LOBE DEN HERREN ("Praise to the Lord, the Almighty") Text: Anna Strickland (2022) Music: Erneuerten Gesangbuch (1665); harm. W. Sterndale Bennett (19th cent.) ques - tions as We come with sum-ing that there will be an claim as the Here is the mys - t'ry we fol-lowers of Je -God help us in - to live mys-t'ry be yond com - pre hen è. Set - ting the world or - der that o - beys our swers an in Christ has died, Christ - sus: is raised, Christ dai - ly comes to re -- sion Qui - et our minds al-ways clam - or - ing for some di ð 0. 0. • where Spir - it's gram mar We want to know earned, Grace free, not whe-ther or - deem us - rec with all that tion Give us your peace

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT **seeking:** Who sinned?

we come with questions

LOBE DEN HERREN ("Praise to the Lord, the Almighty")

We come with questions assuming that there will be answers Setting the world in an order that obeys our grammar We want to know where Spirit's river will flow Frustrated by her meanders

Here is the mystery we claim as the followers of Jesus: Christ has died, Christ is raised, Christ daily comes to redeem us Grace free, not earned, whether or not we deserve God works beyond rules and boundaries

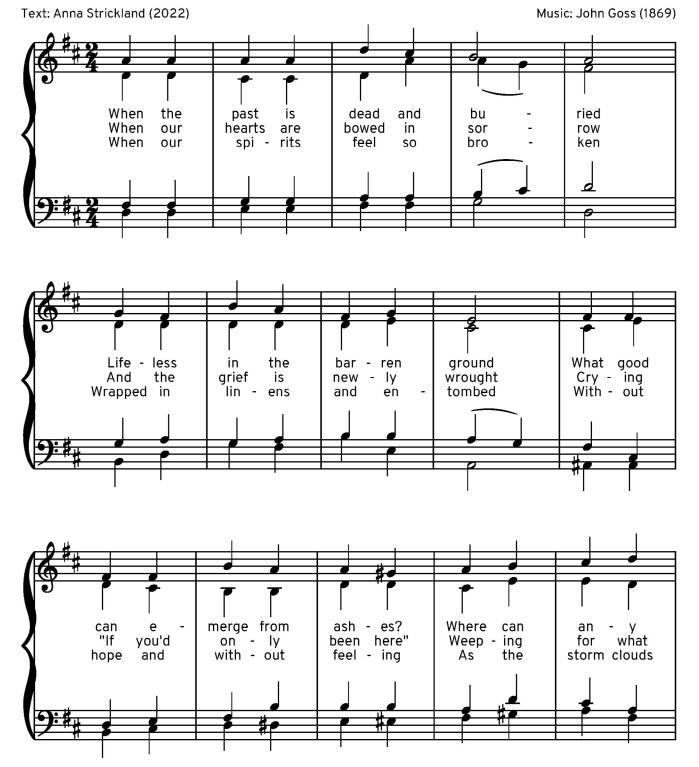
God help us live into mystery beyond comprehension Quiet our minds always clamoring for some direction Give us your peace with all that we can't perceive Holding us within the tension



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT **seeking:** Can these bones live?

can these bones live?

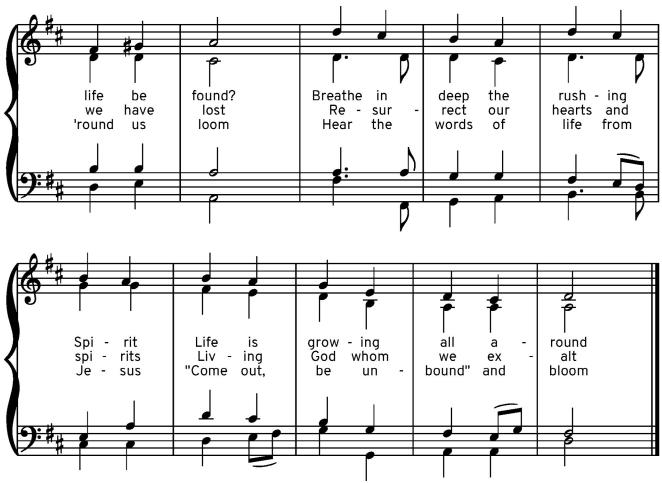
LAUDA ANIMA ("Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven")



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT **seeking:** Can these bones live?

can these bones live?

LAUDA ANIMA ("Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven")

When the past is dead and buried Lifeless in the barren ground What good can emerge from ashes? Where can any life be found? Breathe in deep the rushing Spirit Life is growing all around

When our hearts are bowed in sorrow And the grief is newly wrought Crying, "If you'd only been here" Weeping for what we have lost Resurrect our hearts and spirits Living God whom we exalt

When our spirits feel so broken Wrapped in linens and entombed Without hope and without feeling As the storm clouds 'round us loom Hear the words of life from Jesus "Come out, be unbound" and bloom



who are you looking for?

TERRA BEATA ("This Is My Father's World")

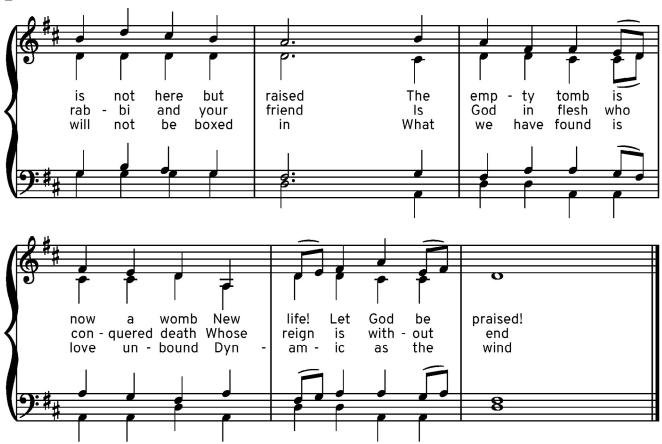
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easter sunday **seeking:** Who are you looking for?

who are you looking for?

TERRA BEATA ("This Is My Father's World")

Who are you looking for? A body in the tomb? The grave is death but God has breath The Spirit's wings need room Who are you looking for? He is not here but raised The empty tomb is now a womb Christ lives! Let God be praised!

Who are you looking for? The man of Galilee? He is not here but always near Lift up your head and see Who are you looking for? Your rabbi and your friend Is God in flesh who conquered death Whose reign is without end

Who are you looking for? An answer to pin down? We cannot know where God will go But seeking we are found Who are you looking for? God will not be boxed in What we have found is love unbound Dynamic as the wind





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