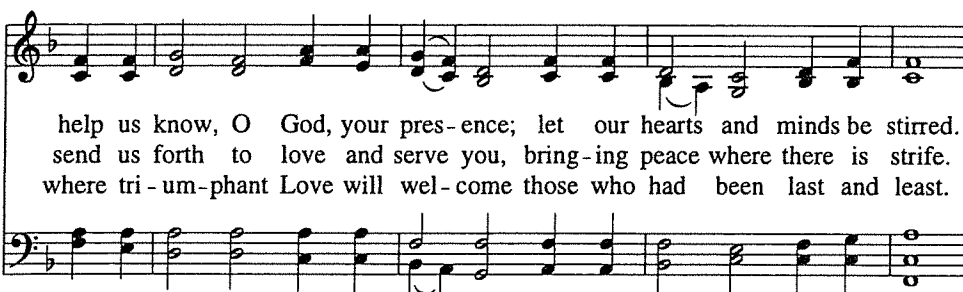
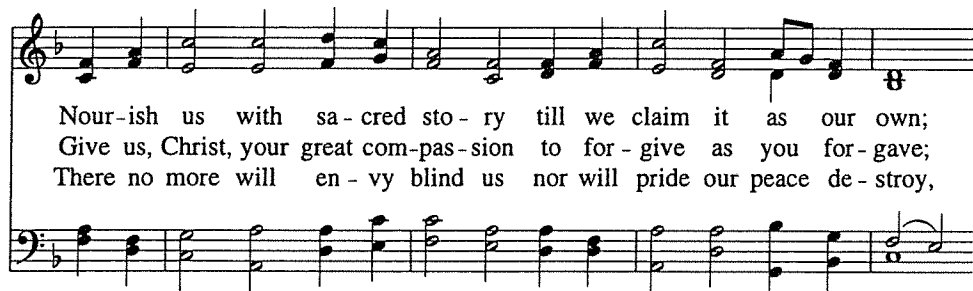


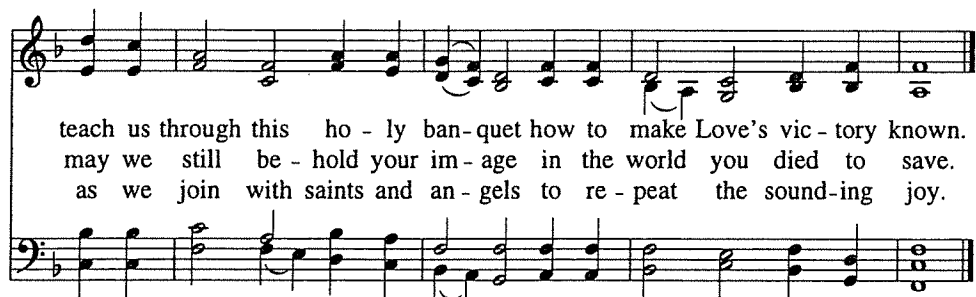
1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. FCC, 1997

Carl P. Daw, Jr., an Episcopal priest and prolific hymn-text writer, has recently become full-time Executive Director of the Hymn Society in the U.S. and Canada.

BEACH SPRING

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COMMUNION

I Come with Joy

Unison

1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en,
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as
 3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di -
 4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that

loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 all are fed, the new com - mun - i - ty of love in
 vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

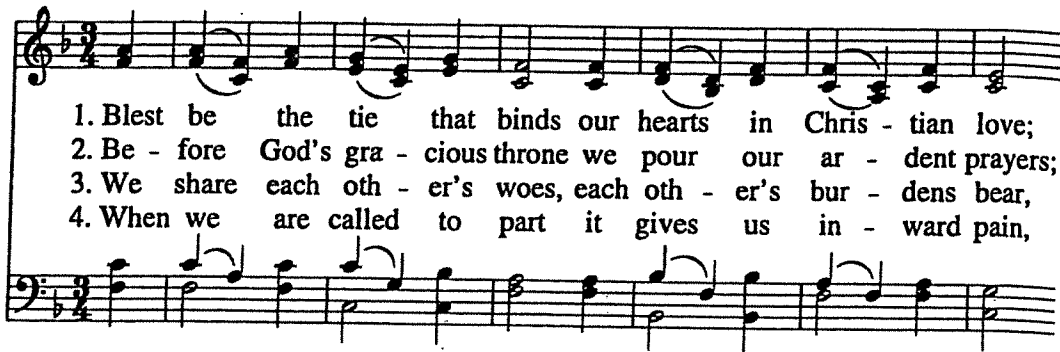
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DOVE OF PEACE
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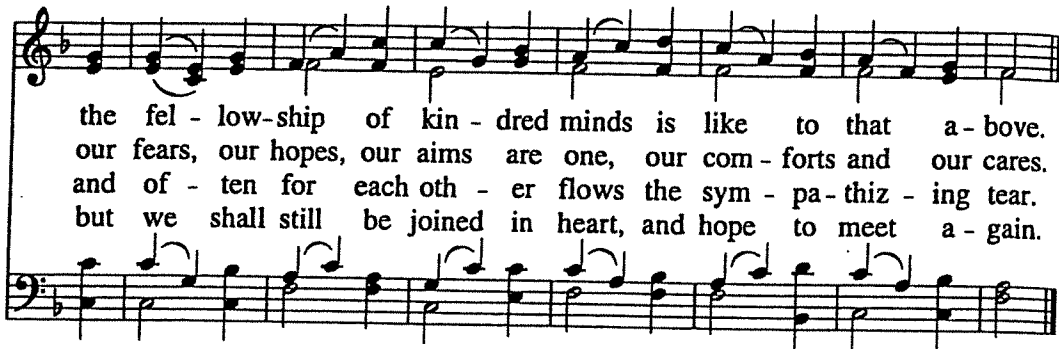
Brian Wren wrote this hymn to encapsulate the important themes of a series of sermons he preached on the meaning of communion. It begins with the personal 'I,' but ends with the inclusive 'we.'

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2. Be - fore God's gra - cious throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,
 4. When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,



the fel - low-ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782, alt.

MUSIC: J. G. Nägeli, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

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This text was written when 'ties that bind' convinced Fawcett that he should remain with the small Baptist congregation at Wainsgate, Yorkshire, England.