

CREATED AND RECREATED IN CHRIST
Diocese of Toronto Synod
November 8-9, 2019
Congregational Songs for Synod

Many people requested the source of the hymns we used during Synod that are not in our hymnals. Most of them can be used if your congregation has purchased a OneLicense.net music licence. One hymn--God's Work, Our Hands--is the winning entry in a hymn contest the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America held this year. From the press release: "The selected hymn represents the official tagline of the ELCA and expresses how the people of this church live in service for the life of the world."

I have also included my own hymn, Go Forth to Love and Serve, which we sang as a sending hymn. You may use it for non-commercial purposes, with proper attribution.

You might also want to know of a powerful hymn resource: Hymnary.org One can do word searches of thousands of hymns, find hymns based on scriptural references, which hymnals contain a specific hymn, etc.

-- Sherman Hesselgrave

Sing a New World into Being

Words: Mary Louise Bringle ©2006 GIA Publications, Inc. OneLicense.net
Tune: (Hyfrydol, Beach Spring, Hymn to Joy, Holy Manna, Nettleton, etc...)

1. Sing a new world into being. Sound a bold and hopeful theme.
Find a tune for silent yearnings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong.
Sing a new world into being. Sing as Christ inspires your song!
2. Sing a new world into being where each gender, class, and race
brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace;
where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind.
Sing a new world into being: risk transforming heart and mind!
3. Sing a new world into being where the homeless find a home,
where no children ever hunger but are filled in God's shalom;
where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease.
Sing a new world into being: raise the harmonies of peace.
4. Sing a new world into being. Join the ancient prophets; cry
for a time of health and plenty when all tears have been wiped dry;
when compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve.
Sing a new world into being: live the promise you believe!

No Temas Más/Be Not Afraid

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<p><i>Verse</i> 1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand. You shall see the face of God and live.</p> <p><i>Refrain</i> Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come follow me, and I will give you rest.</p> <p><i>Estrofa</i> 2. Si en los mares turbulentos sientes que te vas a ahogar; si en las llamas impetuosas, sientes que te quemarás; si, delante de la muerte, sientes cerca el final, estaré a tu lado y vivirás.</p> <p><i>Estrillo</i> No temas más. Yo voy delante siempre. Ven, sígueme y en Mí descansarás.</p> <p>3. Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me, blessed, blessed are you!</p> <p><i>Refrain</i> Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come follow me, and I will give you rest.</p>	<p><i>Estrofa</i> 1. Cruzarás un gran desierto y de sed no morirás; protegido irás sin rumbo, sin saber por donde andar. Lejos de tu tierra mi mensaje llevarás; el rostro de tu Dios contemplarás.</p> <p><i>Estrillo</i> No temas más. Yo voy delante siempre. Ven, sígueme y en Mí descansarás.</p> <p><i>Verse</i> 2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all.</p> <p>3. Dichosos son los pobres que en el Reino vivirán; dichosos los que lloran, un día sonreirán. Si te acosan y te odian sólo por creer en mí, dichoso, dichoso eres tú.</p>
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God's Work, Our Hands

Text: Wayne L. Wold
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Tune: EARTH AND ALL STARS CP:358

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<p>1. God's work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world, raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold. Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your Gospel.</p> <p>2. God's work, our feet: trav'ling together, following Jesus to places unknown, walking as friends, marching for freedom, running the race with God's future the goal. Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, sharing the good news of your Gospel.</p>	<p>3. God's work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear, praying for peace, shouting for justice, claiming God's love for the lost and the least. Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name, sharing the good news of your Gospel.</p> <p>4. God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise! Washed and set free, humbled and honored, gifted by grace, we respond in God's love. Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, sharing the good news of your Gospel.</p>
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Living Stones

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Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH or HYFRYDOL

1. Living stones, we raise a temple
where the Spirit comes to dwell
in each act of loving service,
in the gospel truth we tell.
In the places where we worship,
plain or lavish, large or small,
as the church of God incarnate,
Christ is cornerstone of all.
2. Made of marble, brick, or timber,
and the labour of our hands,
may our buildings house a people
who embody God's commands:
in a world where homeless millions
live abandoned on the street,
may we offer warmth and shelter
and the bread of life to eat.
3. Formed in faith, we join together
at the table of our Lord.
When we share in celebration,
we depart with strength restored:
to create a realm of justice
and the blessings of shalom,
where each heart becomes an altar,
and the world itself, God's home.

Now to Your Table Spread

Words: Shirley Erena Murray

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN, John Ireland, 1918

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1. Now to your table spread we come, each one in faith
that you alone provide the words of life and death:
in wine and bread, in promised food
we find your loving heart, O God.
2. Hands of the world stretch out your mystery to touch
in longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,
to sing in joy, to cry in grief,
to know your meaning for our life.
3. Here is our common wealth in sharing what is good,
as though all humankind around one table stood,
this bread to break, this wine to taste:
one people in the name of Christ.

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To explore her catalogue: <https://www.carolynshymns.com/>

There Are Many Ways of Sharing

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TUNE: NETTLETON

1. There are many ways of sharing, But God's Spirit gives each one.
There are different ways of caring; It's one Lord whose work is done.
God, whose gifts are overflowing, May we hear you when you call;
Keep us serving, keep us growing For the common good of all.
2. We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.
When you call your sons and daughters, You give gifts for serving you.
God, we join in celebration Of the talents you impart.
Bless each baptized one's vocation; Give each one a servant's heart.
3. All are blest by gifts you give us; Some are set apart to lead.
Give us Jesus' love within us As we care for those in need.
Give us faith to make decisions; Give us joy to share your Word.
Give us unity and vision As we serve your church and world.

O Breath of Life

Words: Elizabeth A. P. Head [Public domain]

Tune: ST CLEMENT

1. O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us
and fit your church to meet this hour.
2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us
till humbly we confess our need;
then, in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore — for this we plead.
3. O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

This hymn is most effective when rendered tango rhythm.

Amarte sólo a ti, Señor / To love you, only you, O God

Anónimos / English words: Maurice François and Sherman Hesselgrave

Anónimos

1. A-mar-te só-lo a ti, Se-ñor, a-mar-te só-lo a ti, Se-ñor,
 2. To love you, on-ly you, O God, with heart and soul and mind, O God,
 3. Con-fiar tan só-lo en ti, Se-ñor, con-fiar tan só-lo en ti, Se-ñor,
 4. To trust on-ly you, O God, to trust on-ly you, O God,

a-mar-te só-lo a ti, Se-ñor, y no mi-rar a-trás; se-guir tu ca-mi
 And neigh-bours as our-selves, O God, and nev-er look be-hind. To fol-low where you
 con-fiar tan só-lo en ti, Se-ñor, y ha-cer tu vo-lun-tad. Al dé-bil pro-te
 to trust on-ly you, O God, and do your will. The weak we will pro-

nar, Se-ñor, se-guir sin des-ma-yar, Se-ñor, pos-tra-do an-te tu al-
 lead, O God, to fol-low with-out fear, O God, to serve at your
 ger, Se-ñor, al po-bre de-fen-der, Se-ñor, tu rei-no pro-cla-
 tect, O God, the poor we will de-fend, O God, your reign we will pro-

tar, Se-ñor, y no mi-rar a-trás.
 feet, O God, and nev-er look be-hind.
 mar, Se-ñor, y no vol-ver a-trás.
 claim, O God, and nev-er look be-hind.

Deep in Our Hearts there is a Common Vision

Words by John Oldham

Music by Ron Klusmeier

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God of Vision

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Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

1. O God of vision far greater than all human scheming,
gather us now in your presence, refreshing, redeeming.
Show us anew life in your breathtaking view,
lovely beyond all our dreaming.
2. Pour out your Spirit on all now assembled before you.
May our diversity here be a means to adore you.
Women and men, young, old and youthful again,
make us as one, we implore You.
3. Grant to us insight, O God, for this time of decision.
May we dream challenging dreams of both depth and precision.
Speak through the dark. Dispel by lightning's bright spark
whatever clouds dim our vision.
4. Break the sun's rays into colour, a rainbow around us.
Storm clouds, though real and near, are not enough to confound us.
Arched in the sky, beauty and promise are high,
giving us hope to astound us.
5. Grateful, we come now by Christ's invitation clear-spoken.
We seek the nourishment found in fruit crushed and bread broken.
Christ for us all! Come, let us answer the call,
off'ring our lives as the token.

Go Forth to Love and Serve

Words and Music by Sherman Hesselgrave

Tune: CLAIRE



1. Go forth to love and serve in this vexed age; with God's sub-vert-ing Word the
2. Go forth in peace, a bro - ken world to heal; walk in the steps of Christ with
3. Go forth in hope, a hun - gry world to feed with Bread of Life and Liv - ing
4. Go forth in joy, and breathe the Ho - ly Breath, em - power-ing dai - ly our bap -



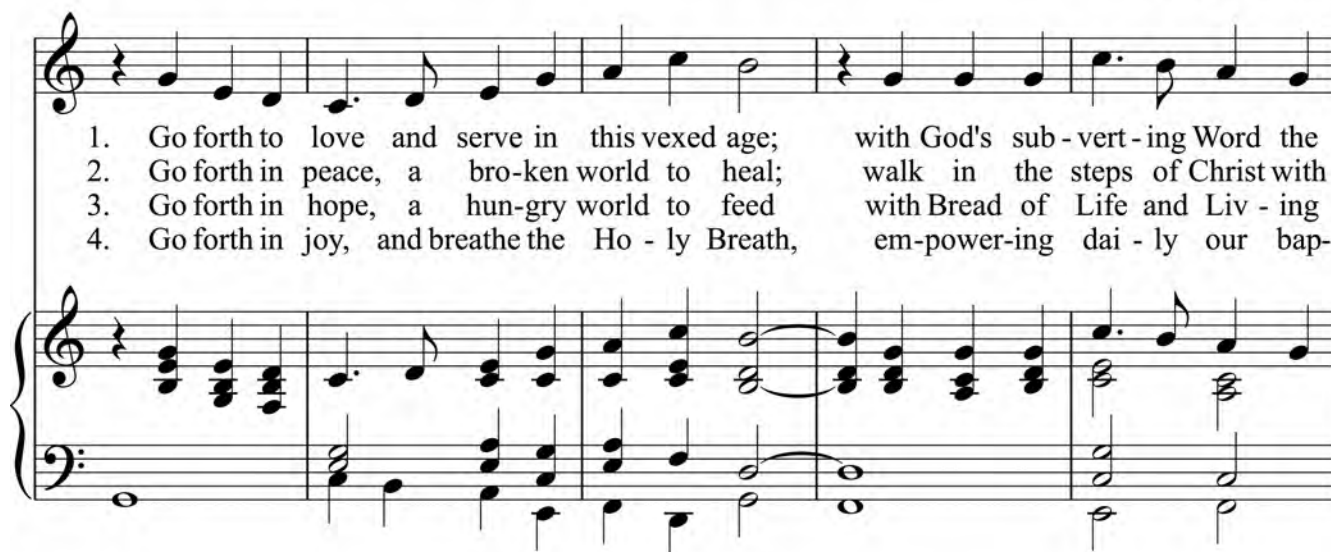
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Wa - ter free. Thus quenched and filled, we
tis - mal death and res - ur - rec - tion



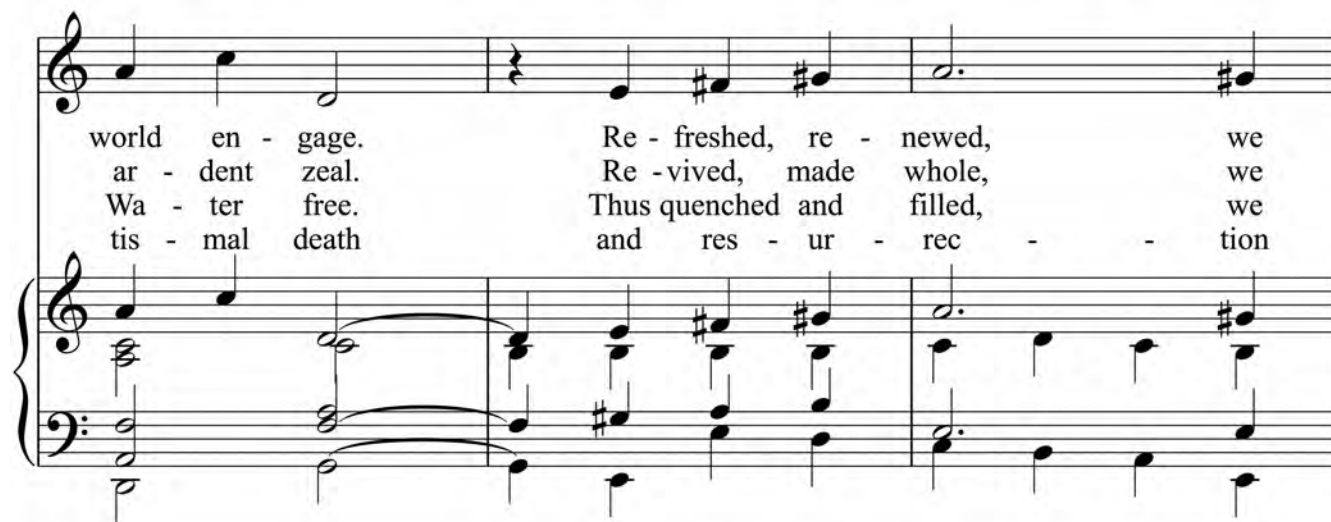
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leave this place with God's a - bun - dant grace.
to a place of God's re - deem - ing grace.

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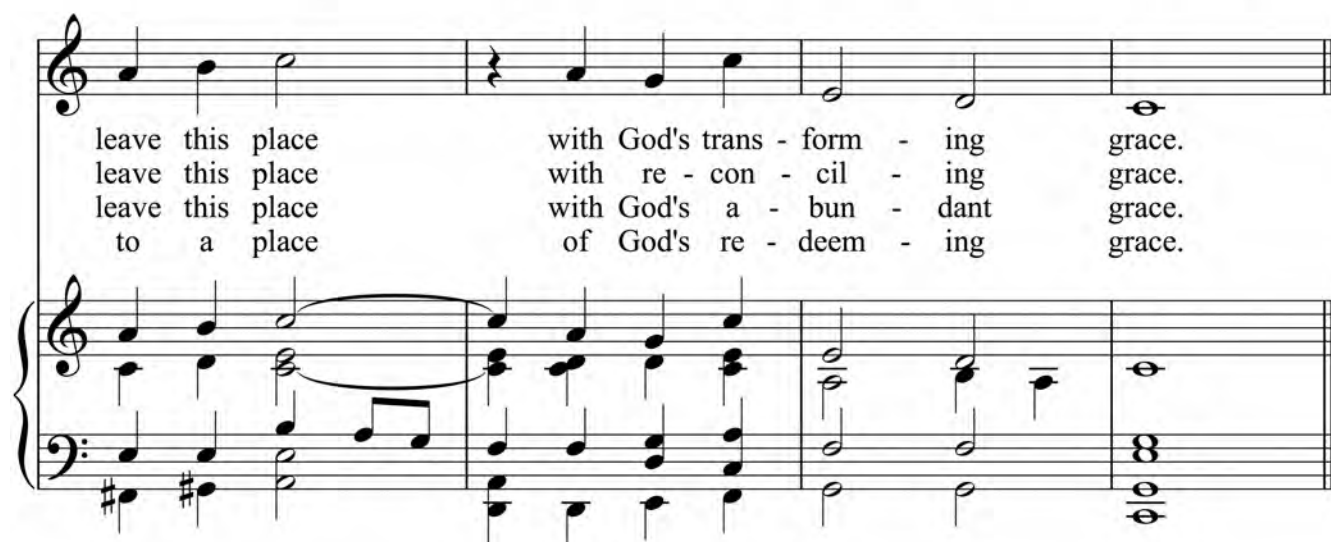
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