

## God Is Here!, 1

- 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,  
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

## I Love to Tell the Story, 560

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above:  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true.  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

### *Refrain:*

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

2. I love to tell the story. 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own Holy Word.

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3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

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## **Sing a New Church, 577**

Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity.  
Gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity.

*Refrain: Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways,  
Sing a new Church into being, one in faith and love and praise.*

Radiant risen from the water, robed in holiness and light,  
Male and female in God's image, male and female, God's delight.

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Trust the goodness of creation; trust the Spirit strong within.  
Dare to dream the vision promised, sprung from seed of what has been.

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Bring the hopes of every nation; bring the art of every race.  
Weave a song of peace and justice; let it sound through time and space.

*[Refrain]*

Draw together at one table, all the human family;  
shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free.

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