God Is Here!

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in full-er measure what it is in Christ we share. font, and pulpit; here the cross has cen-tral place. wine are tak-en, Christ sus-tains us as of old.

2. Here are sym-bols to re-mind us of our life-long need of grace; here are table, age of change and doubt keep us faith-ful to the gos-pel; help us work your pur-pose out.

3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep-herd’s flock and fold; here as bread and font, here for all to eat the bread of life, of the foun-tain of life, herds’s song and praise, font, and pulpit; here the cross has cen-tral place. wine are tak-en, Christ sus-tains us as of old.

4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an full-er measure what it is in Christ we share. font, and pulpit; here the cross has cen-tral place. wine are tak-en, Christ sus-tains us as of old.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979, rev. 1988
MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941
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Here, as in the world around us, all our
Here in honesty of preaching, here in
Here the servants of the Servant seek in
Here, in this day’s dedication, all we

varied skills and arts wait the coming
silence, as in speech, here, in newness
worship to explore what it means in
have to give, receive: we, who cannot

of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
daily living to believe and to adore.
live without you, we adore you! We believe!
Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

1. Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
2. World without end, without end. Amen.

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
World without end, without end. Amen.

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free,  
World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
Spirited God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
3. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
4. Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh.
5. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,

Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
one holy passion filling all my frame;

Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
but take the dimness of my soul away.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise

Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Or "God*
This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer’s intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of “a sweet, sweet Spirit” when she sat down at her piano the next day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1962

GATHERING

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1 There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

2 There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe; you’re the one to profit it when you say, “I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.”
Refrain

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.