This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

**THE CHURCH**

**307 God of Grace and God of Glory**

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the living of these days, lest we miss thy king-dom's goal, serving thee whom we adore.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, as sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the living of these days, lest we miss thy king-dom's goal, serving thee whom we adore.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our pride; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, glo-ry ev-er-more. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the living of these days, lest we miss thy king-dom's goal, serving thee whom we adore.

4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils grant us courage, our king-dom's goal, serving thee whom we adore.
Glory Be to the Father

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - ginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.
Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
2. Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear. And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
4. When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.
5. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

*Or “Maker’s”*