

## Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed;  
Mary, loving mother mild,  
Jesus Christ, her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly  
lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. Jesus is our childhood's pattern;  
day by day, like us he grew;  
he was little, weak, and helpless,  
tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feeleth for our sadness,  
and he shareth in our gladness.

4. And our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle  
is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 250*  
*Text: Cecil Frances Alexander*  
*Music: Henry J. Gauntlett*  
*Tune: IRBY, Meter: 87.87.77*

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God  
my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with  
thee;  
thou changest not, thy  
compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt  
be.

Refrain:  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I  
see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath  
provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto  
me!

2. Summer and winter and  
springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their  
courses above  
join with all nature in manifold  
witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy,  
and love.  
(Refrain)

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that  
endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer  
and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope  
for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten  
thousand beside!  
(Refrain)

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 140*  
*Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)*  
*Music: William M. Runyan, 1923*  
*Tune: FAITHFULNESS, Meter: 11 10.11 10 with*  
*Refrain*

## 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 her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have  
bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring  
madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
Let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 577*  
*Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1878-*  
*Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932*  
*Tune: CWM RHONDDA, Meter: 87.87.87*

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all  
blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here  
below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 095*  
*Text: Thomas Ken*  
*Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois*  
*Tune: OLD 100TH, Meter: LM*

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us  
this day our daily bread; and  
forgive us our trespasses as we  
forgive those who trespass against  
us. Lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil, For thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the  
glory forever. Amen

## People, Look East

1. People, look east. The time is  
near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are  
able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth  
is bare,  
one more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to  
nourish,  
that in course the flower may  
flourish.  
People, look east:  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

3. Stars, keep the watch. When  
night is dim,  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east:  
Love, the Star, is on the way.

4. Angels, announce with shouts of  
mirth  
him who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 202*  
*Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1928*  
*Music: Trad. French carol; harm. by Martin Shaw,*  
*1928*  
*Tune: BESANCON, Meter: 87.98.87*

## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before  
thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround  
thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and  
mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our  
brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward,  
in the triumph song of life.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 089*  
*Text: Henry Van Dyke*  
*Music: Ludwig van Beethoven; Arr. by Edward*  
*Hodges*  
*Tune: HYMN TO JOY, Meter: 87.87 D*