Joshua 3:7-17 New International Version

7 And the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to
exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know
that I am with you as I was with Moses. 8 Tell the
priests who carry the ark of the covenant: ‘When
you reach the edge of the Jordan’s waters, go and
stand in the river.’”

9 Joshua said to the Israelites, “Come here and listen
to the words of the LORD your God. 10 This is how
you will know that the living God is among you and
that he will certainly drive out before you the
Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites,
Amorites and Jebusites. 11 See, the ark of the
covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the
Jordan ahead of you. 12 Now then, choose twelve
men from the tribes of Israel, one from each
tribe. 13 And as soon as the priests who carry the ark
of the LORD—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in
the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be
cut off and stand up in a heap.”

14 So when the people broke camp to cross the
Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the
covenant went ahead of them. 15 Now the Jordan is
at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the
priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and
their feet touched the water’s edge, 16 the water
from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a
heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in
the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing
down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea)
was completely cut off. So the people crossed over
opposite Jericho. 17 The priests who carried the ark
of the covenant of the LORD stopped in the middle of
the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel
passed by until the whole nation had completed the
crossing on dry ground.

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 New International Version

9 Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil
and hardship; we worked night and day in order not
to be a burden to anyone while we preached the
gospel of God to you.

10 You are witnesses, and so is God, of how
holy, righteous and blameless we were among you
who believed.

11 For you know that we dealt with each of you as a
father deals with his own children,

12 encouraging, comforting and urging you to live
lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom
and glory.

13 And we also thank God continually because, when
you received the word of God, which you heard from
us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it
actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work
in you who believe.

Matthew 23:1-12 New International Version

A Warning Against Hypocrisy

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his
disciples: 2 “The teachers of the law and the
Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat.

3 So you must be careful to do everything they tell
you. But do not do what they do, for they do not
practice what they preach.

4 They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put
them on other people’s shoulders, but they
themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move
them.

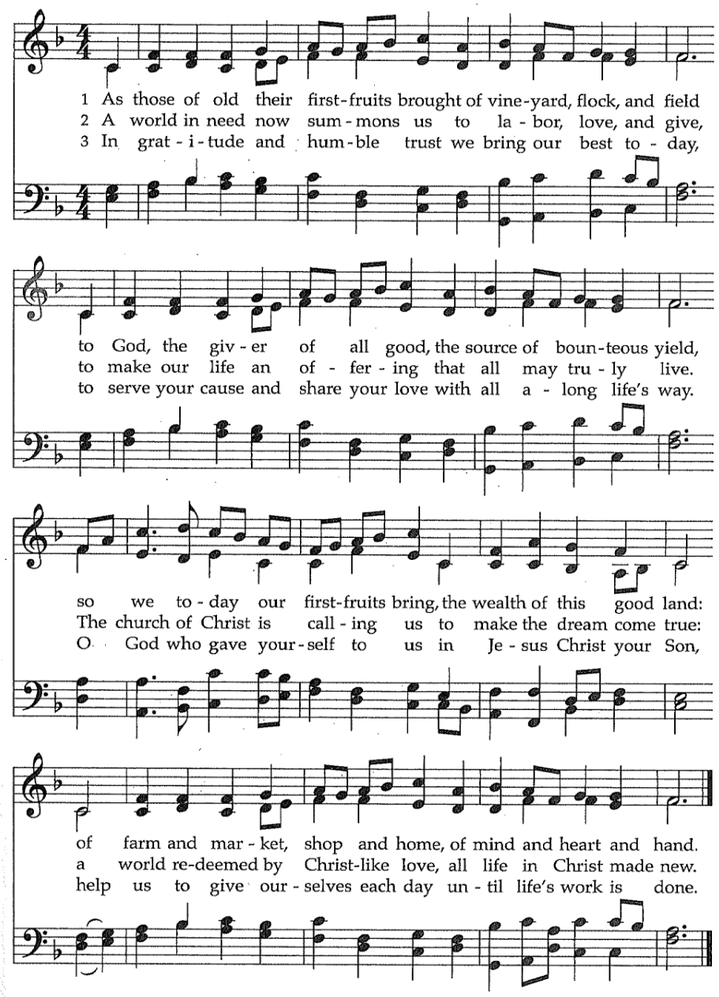
5 “Everything they do is done for people to see: They
make their phylacteries[a] wide and the tassels on
their garments long;

6 they love the place of honor at banquets and the
most important seats in the synagogues;

7 they love to be greeted with respect in the
marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others.

8 “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have
one Teacher, and you are all brothers. 9 And do not
call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one
Father, and he is in heaven. 10 Nor are you to be
called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the
Messiah. 11 The greatest among you will be your
servant. 12 For those who exalt themselves will be
humbled, and those who humble themselves will be
exalted.

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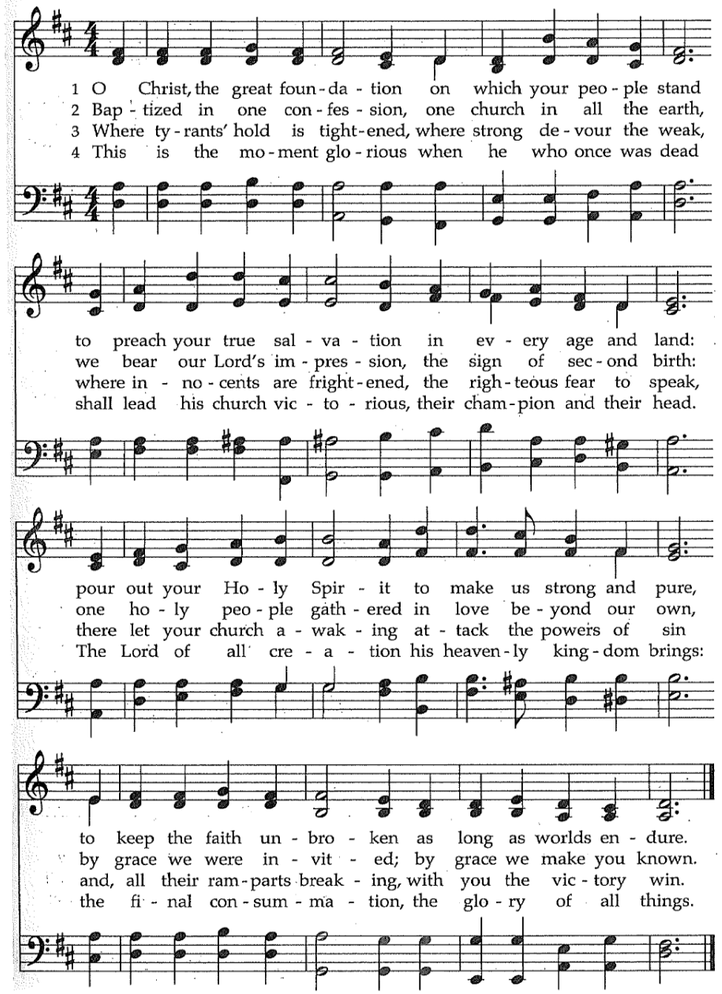


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