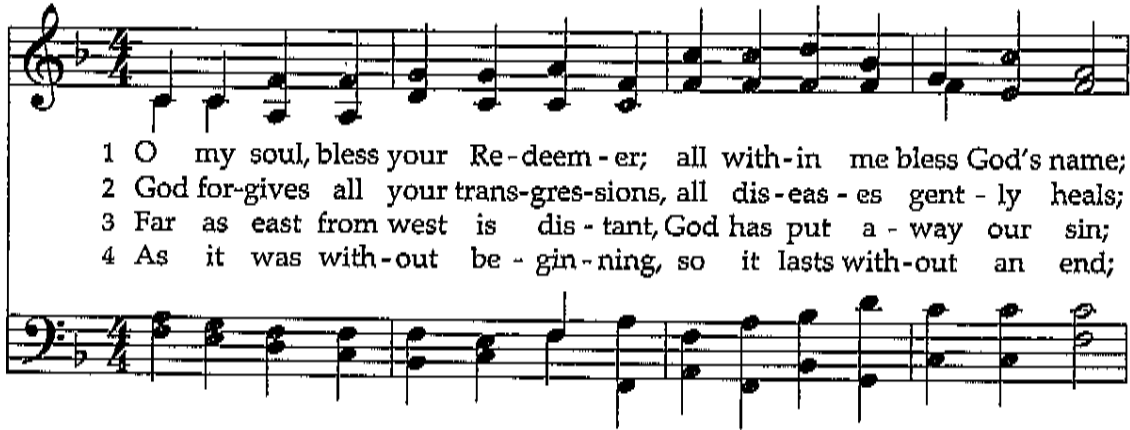
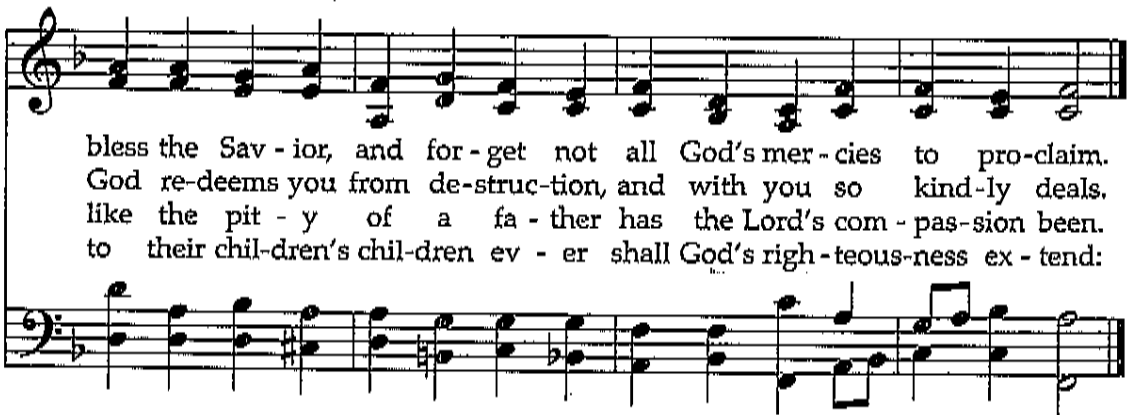


O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

(Psalm 103)



1 O my soul, bless your Re-deem-er; all with-in me bless God's name;
 2 God for-gives all your trans-gres-sions, all dis-eas-es gent-ly heals;
 3 Far as east from west is dis-tant, God has put a-way our sin;
 4 As it was with-out be-gin-ning, so it lasts with-out an end;



bless the Sav-ior, and for-get not all God's mer-cies to pro-claim.
 God re-deems you from de-struc-tion, and with you so kind-ly deals.
 like the pit-y of a fa-ther has the Lord's com-pas-sion been.
 to their chil-dren's chil-dren ev-er shall God's righ-teous-ness ex-tend:

- 5 Unto such as keep God's cov'nant
 and are steadfast in God's way;
 unto those who still remember
 the commandments and obey.

These stanzas are selected from sixteen that originally made up this paraphrase of Psalm 103, the second of two versions in the volume where they were first published. The tune used here was probably created as a German psalm tune but later came to be used with hymn texts.

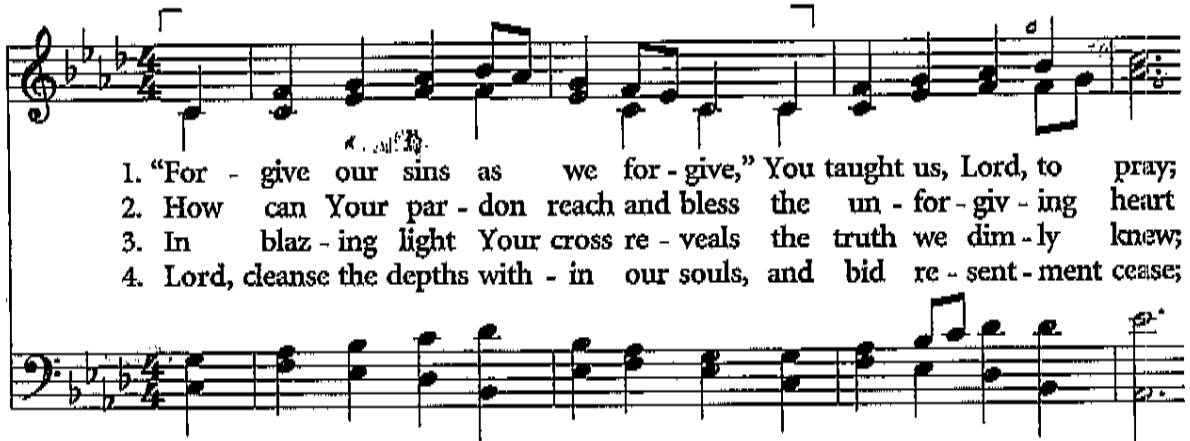
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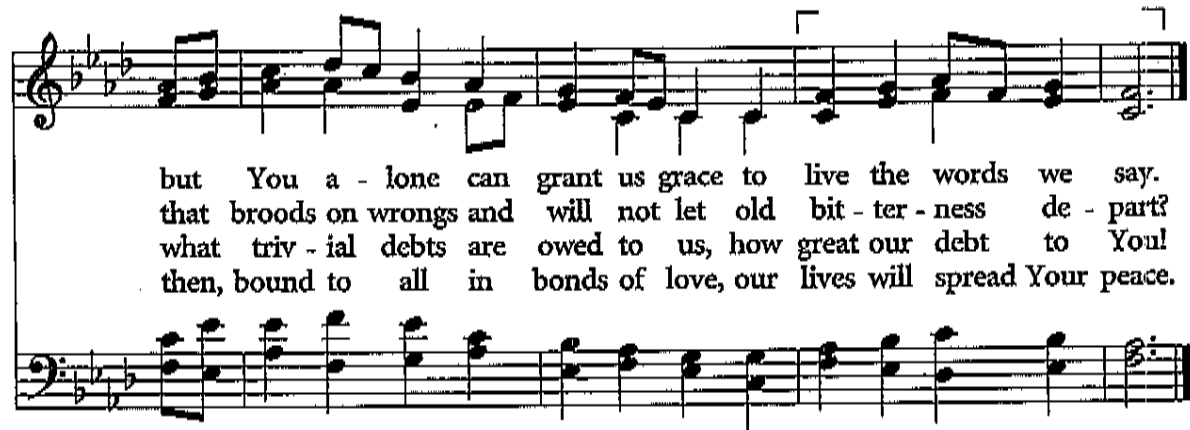
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Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive



1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to pray;
 2. How can Your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
 3. In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew;
 4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but You a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!
 then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.

WORDS: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1966 (Matt. 6:12)

MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813; harm. Donald Murphy, 2008

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MORNING SONG

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FINDING FORGIVENESS

Text: Paul Chappel

Tune: BUNESSAN a Gaelic tune (often used for "Morning Has Broken")

Finding forgiveness never is easy,
Seeking within us strength to go on.
God, as we journey, speaks to us softly
Urging renewal, anger withdrawn.

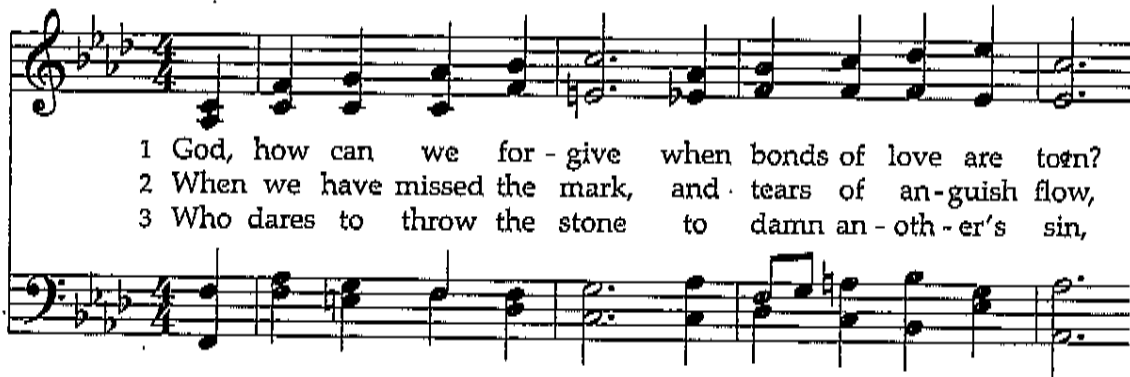
When we feel wronged, hard done by, and wounded;
God, ever present, stands at our side.
Lessons of wisdom laid down for ages:
Love will encourage, help us, and guide.

Seeking forgiveness when we're in error
Sometimes is easy, sometimes is hard,
But we must face our errors and missteps,
Begging forgiveness, God as our guide.

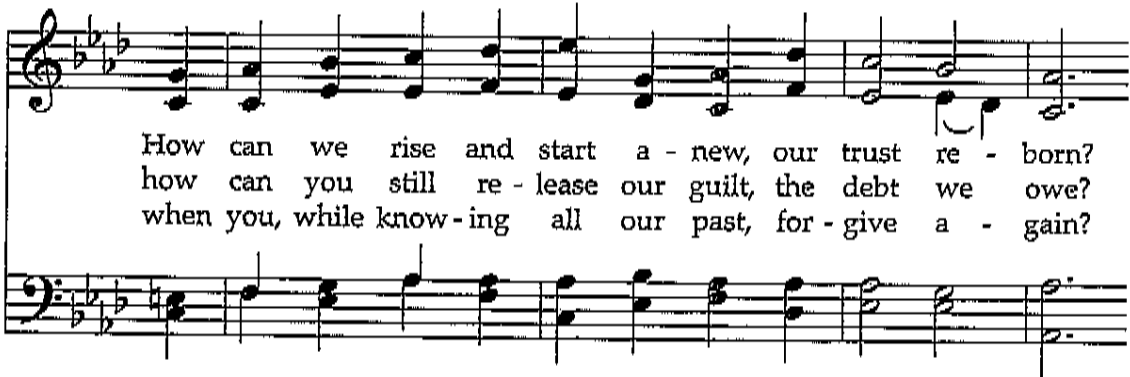
We are forgiven, called to forgiving
Errors in others we have done, too.
Blessings of God will shower forgiveness;
As we forgive, love changes our view.

We, too, deserve the gift of forgiveness
Not just from others, but from within.
Hardest of all to get rid of guilt scars;
Now, on our journey, healing begins.

God, How Can We Forgive



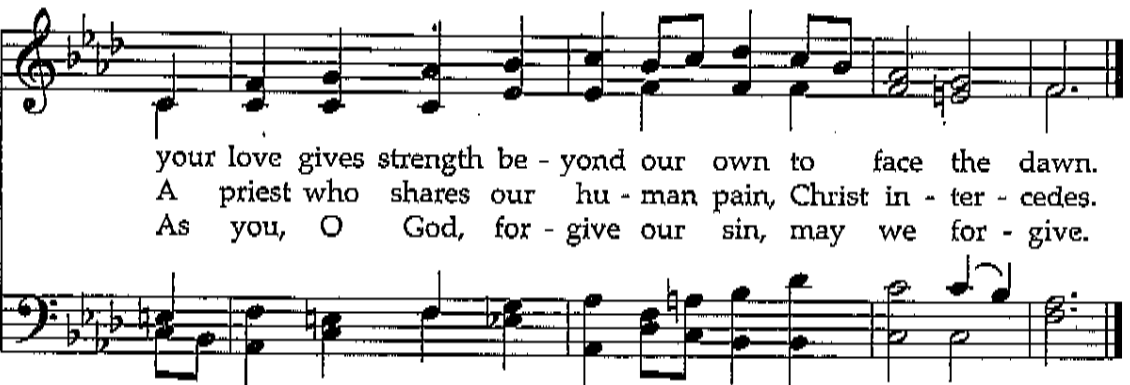
1 God, how can we for - give when bonds of love are torn?
 2 When we have missed the mark, and tears of an - guish flow,
 3 Who dares to throw the stone to damn an - oth - er's sin,



How can we rise and start a - new, our trust re - born?
 how can you still re - lease our guilt, the debt we owe?
 when you, while know - ing all our past, for - give a - gain?



When hu - man lov - ing fails and ev - ery hope is gone,
 The o - cean depth of grace sur - pass - es all our needs.
 No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.



your love gives strength be - yond our own to face the dawn.
 A priest who shares our hu - man pain, Christ in - ter - cedes.
 As you, O God, for - give our sin, may we for - give.

This text reflects both the struggle to deal with a deep personal hurt and a keen awareness of biblical language and content. The opening line of stanza two, for example, draws on the root meaning of the Greek word for sin, and the beginning of stanza three alludes to John 8:3-8.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1994

MUSIC: Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770

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