

TO US ALL, TO EVERY NATION



1. To us all, to ev - 'ry na - tion
2. Then to side with truth is no - ble,
3. By the light of burn - ing mar - tyr's,
4. Though the cause of e - vil pros - per,



comes the mo - ment to de - cide,
when we dare to share its crust,
Christ your bleed - ing feet we track,
yet 'tis truth a - lone is strong;



in the strife of truth with false - hood,
ere the cause bring fame and pro - fit,
toil - ing up new Cal - varies ev - er
though its por - tion be the scaf - fold,



for the good or e - vil side;
and 'tis pros - perous to be just;
with the cross that turns not back;
and up on the throne be wrong;



some great cause, God's new en - dea - vor,
then it is the brave one choos - es
new oc - ca - sions teach new du - ties,
yet that scaf - fold sways the fu - ture,



of - fering each the bloom or blight,
while the cow - ard stands a - side,
time makes an - cient good un - couth;
and, be - hind the dim un - known,



and the choice goes by for - ev - er
till the mul - ti - tude make vir - tue
they must up - ward still and on - ward,
God is stand - ing in the shad - ow



twixt that dark - ness and that light.
of the faith they had de - nied.
who would keep a - breast of truth.
keep - ing watch be - side God's own.

Words: James Russell Lowell; adapt. by W. Garrett Horder, alt.

Music: EBENEZER - Thomas J. Williams

COME, LET US USE THE GRACE DIVINE



1. Come, let us use the grace di - vine, and
2. give up - our - selves, thru Je - sus' power, his
3. The cov - enant we this mo - ment make be
4. We nev - er will throw off the fear of
5. Thee, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, let
6. to each cov - enant the blood ap - ply which



all with one ac - cord, in a per - pet - ual
name to glo - ri - fy; and pro - mise, in this
ev - er kept in mind; we will no more our
God who hears our vow; and if thou art well
all our hearts re - ceive, pre - sent with thy ce -
takes our sins a - way, and reg - is - ter our



cove - nant join our - selves to Christ the Lord;
sa - cred hour, for God to live and die.
God for - sake, or cast these words be - hind.
pleas'd to hear, come down and meet us now.
les - tial host the peace - ful an - swer give.
names on high and keep us to that day!

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: AZMON - Carl G. Glaser; arr. by Lowell Mason

WHEN JESUS WENT TO EGYPT



1. When Je - sus went to E - gypt, safe on his mo-ther's arm,
2. O God, we pray for chil - dren and fam - ilies com - ing here
3. O God, you're like a mo - ther who won't for-sake her own.



his pa - rents stayed be - side him to keep him safe from harm.
now fac - ing sep - a - ra - tion, and filled with grief and fear.
You're like a lov - ing fa - ther who wel - comes his son home.



And when they crossed the bor - der, they were al - lowed to be
For chil - dren, loved and trea - sured, are ripped from lov - ing kin.
Now give us, by your Spir - it, the strength to chal - lenge wrong,



to geth - er—seek - ing ref - uge—a Ho - ly Fam - i - ly.
This deed, by an - y mea - sure, is tor - ture. It's a sin!
to seek the best for chil - dren, and keep all fam - ilies strong.

Music: PASSION CHORALE - Hans Leo Hassler

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BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

John Adams and Mary Alice Lopez Adams

John and Mary Alice,
as members of the family of First United Methodist Church
and participants in our shared ministry,
we celebrate that recently you united in marriage,
through the sharing of vows and exchange of rings
before a gathered congregation.

We celebrate the love you share for God,
the life you share together,
and the witness that your covenant relationship
will be to all those around you.

Though we grieve that you are unable to wed
in your own Sanctuary,
by the authority of your appointed pastors,
we claim with hope that God's blessing knows no limits.
We come today with joy
to pray God's richest blessings on your life together.

Let us pray:

Most gracious God,
we give you thanks for your tender love
in making us a covenant people
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Send your blessing upon John and Mary Alice,
that they may keep their marriage covenant,
and continue to grow in love and godliness together.

**Grant that their love for each other
may reflect the love of Christ for us
and grow from strength to strength
as they faithfully serve you in the world.**

Defend them from every enemy.

Lead them into all peace.

Let their love for each other

be a seal upon their hearts,
a mantle about their shoulders,
and a crown upon their heads.

**Bless them in their work and in their companionship;
in their sleeping and in their waking;
in their joys and in their sorrows;
in their lives and in their deaths.**

Fill them and us with grace and strength
to be witnesses of your unending love
for all of your beloved children.

**Watch over them in the coming years,
and bring them to the feast of eternal life.**

All this we ask through Christ our Lord.

Amen.