

God's People Here

Based on Mission Statement
for the Diocese of Winona, MN

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INTRO: (♩ = ca. 96)

Keyboard

VERSE 1: Unison Choir

mf

1. God's peo - ple here, peo - ple of hope,

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1. Christ in our cen - ter, saints at our side.

1. Called to the Gos - pel by church u - ni - ver - sal,

1. We em - brace it to - day.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The first system has a vocal line with lyrics "1. Christ in our cen - ter, saints at our side." and a piano accompaniment. The second system has a vocal line with lyrics "1. Called to the Gos - pel by church u - ni - ver - sal," and a piano accompaniment. The third system has a vocal line with lyrics "1. We em - brace it to - day." and a piano accompaniment. A large "PREVIEW" watermark is overlaid diagonally across the page.

VERSE 2: SATB Choir

Soprano (Melody) *mp*

Alto

2. Past gen - er - a - tions point out our path. _____

Tenor

Bass *mp*

mp

2. New gen - er - a - tions look to our faith. _____

mp

2. We trust Christ's pow'r o'er our sins and short - com - ings;

This system contains the first two systems of music. The first system features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the piano accompaniment. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#).

2. Christ is our hope to - day.

mf

mf

This system contains the third and fourth systems of music. The third system features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The fourth system continues the piano accompaniment. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#).

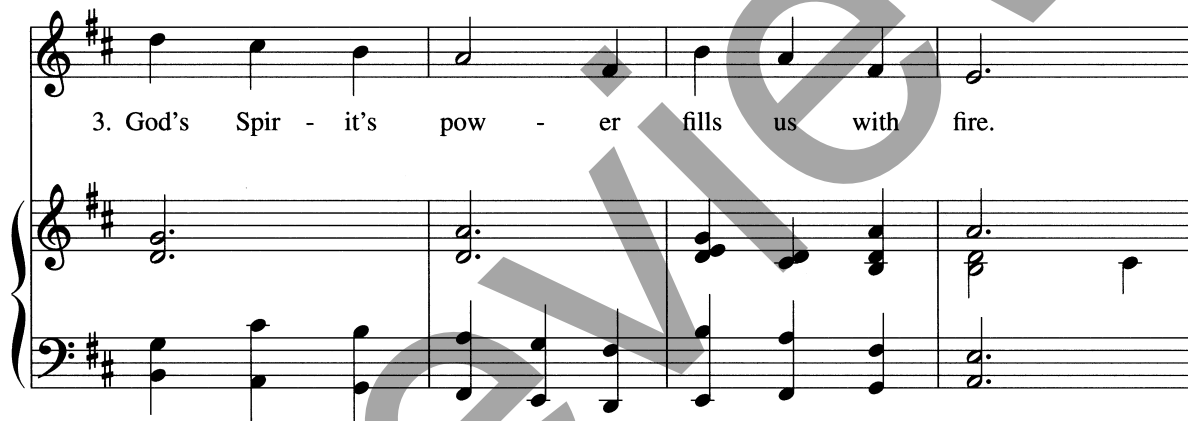
VERSE 3:**Tenors and Bases:**

mf



3. Noth - ing held back, we risk our lives.

mf



3. God's Spir - it's pow - er fills us with fire.

Unison Choir:



3. Shar - ing Christ's death to be born in his ris - ing,

3. We are made new _____ to - day. _____

This block contains the musical notation for Verse 3. It features a vocal line in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a piano accompaniment in the grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are "3. We are made new _____ to - day. _____".

VERSE 4: SATB Choir

mf

4. Sent from the ta - ble strong in com - mun - ion,

mf

This block contains the first system of the musical notation for Verse 4. It includes a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the grand staff. The lyrics are "4. Sent from the ta - ble strong in com - mun - ion,". The dynamic marking *mf* is present above the vocal line and below the piano part.

4. We form a fu - ture gift - ed by God. _____

This block contains the second system of the musical notation for Verse 4. It includes a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the grand staff. The lyrics are "4. We form a fu - ture gift - ed by God. _____".

4. Linked as we la - bor by feast - ing faith's mys - ter - ies,

4. We wit - ness Gos - pel to - day.

mf

VERSE 5:

Descant *f*

5. From fer - tile fields, Though

Unison Choir *f*

5. From fer - tile fields, small towns and cit - ies,

f

5. chang - es chal - lenge us, con - stant our

5. Though chang - es chal - lenge us, con - stant our love.

5. love. We stand for life. We live God's

5. We stand for fam - i - lies, life and cre - a - tion.

5. jus - tice to - day.

5. We live God's jus - tice to - day.

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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D A Bm Bm/A G D/F# Em Asus4 A

D/F# Em D/F# G A D G A D/F# Em7(4)

VERSES:

D A Bm Bm/A G D/F# Em Asus4 A

1. God's peo - ple here, peo - ple of hope, _____
 2. Past gen - er - a - tions point out our path. _____
 3. Noth - ing held back, we risk our lives. _____
 4. Sent from the ta - ble strong in com - mun - ion,
 5. From fer - tile fields, small towns and cit - ies,

G/B A7(4) G D/F# Em7(4) D Em D/F# G Asus4 A

1. Christ in our cen - ter, saints at our side. _____
 2. New gen - er - a - tions look to our faith. _____
 3. God's Spir - it's pow - er fills us with fire. _____
 4. We form a fu - ture gift - ed by God. _____
 5. Though chang - es chal - lenge us, con - stant our love. _____

Bm Em Gmaj7 A/G

1. Called to the Gos - pel by church u - ni - ver - sal,
 2. We trust Christ's pow'r o'er our sins and short - com - ings;
 3. Shar - ing Christ's death to be born in his ris - ing,
 4. Linked as we la - bor by feast - ing faith's mys - ter - ies,
 5. We stand for fam - i - lies, life and cre - a - tion.

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1. We _____ em - brace it to - day. _____
 2. Christ is our hope _____ to - day. _____
 3. We are made new _____ to - day. _____
 4. We wit - ness Gos - pel to - day. _____
 5. We live God's jus - tice to - day. _____

Performance Notes

This piece was written upon request from the Diocese of Winona, MN as a hymn setting of a Mission Statement (*q.v.* below) that the diocese created in fall of 1984. It was engraved and sent out to all parishes in the diocese for use. I see it as a useful hymn for either gathering or recessional time, and generally appropriate for weekend liturgies.

— J.D.B.

WE, THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Winona,
are a community of hope, centered in Christ.*

*As members of the universal Church gathered around our bishop,
we strive to live out our gospel calling ever anew.*

*Devoted to the gospel we have received from generations past,
we seek to hand on a living faith for the generation to come.*

*Conscious of our own shortcomings and sin,
we trust in the power of Christ
to bring new things to birth through us.*

*Thus, our journey of faith
is a sharing in the dying and rising of Jesus.*

*Through the power of the Spirit,
we have the courage to risk everything
as together we labor to witness to the gospel,
celebrate the mysteries of faith, and reach out to others.*

*Called forth from the table of His Body as a faith community,
we shall create a future where all rejoice in God's gifts.*


*Rooted in the fields and towns of southern Minnesota,
we face the challenges of a changing world with love.*

*Convinced that we bring life-giving values
to the social and economic structures of our heartland,
we proclaim aloud our respect
for the sanctity of life, the family, and all creation.*

Assembly Edition

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2. Past gen - er - a - tions point out our path. — New gen - er -
3. Noth - ing held back, — we risk our lives. — God's Spir - it's
4. Sent from the ta - ble strong in com - mun - ion, We form a
5. From fer - tile fields, — small towns and cit - ies, Though chang - es



1. cen - ter, saints at our side. Called to the Gos - pel by
2. a - tions look to our faith. We trust Christ's pow'r o'er our
3. pow - er fills us with fire. Shar - ing Christ's death to be
4. fu - ture gift - ed by God. Linked as we la - bor by
5. chal - lenge us, con - stant our love. We stand for fam - i - lies,



1. church u - ni - ver - sal, We — em - brace it to - day. —
2. sins and short - com - ings; Christ is our hope — to - day. —
3. born in his ris - ing, We are made new — to - day. —
4. feast - ing faith's mys - ter - ies, We wit - ness Gos - pel to - day. —
5. life and cre - a - tion. We live God's jus - tice to - day. —

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B \flat TRUMPET


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INTRO: (♩ = ca. 96) **VERSE 1:** **VERSE 2:** **VERSE 3:**

8 16 16 16



VERSES 4 & 5:



1 **Final**

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