

GOD CREATOR, CHRIST REDEEMER

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God Creator, Christ Redeemer,
fill our hearts with gratefulness.
Be our guidepost and our beacon,
when the storms of life oppress.
Lead us to your flame of passion,
let our hearts not ever roam.
In your goodness light our pathway,
guide us to your heav'nly home.

We are torn, and we are broken;
from the pain of humanness.
We have turned and lost direction,
straying from your gracefulness.
In your goodness you have given
your own life that sets us free;
Bring us back, Lord, in your mercy,
set our gaze so we can see.

Christ, you guide us, and we follow,
as we seek your truth and way.
Keep us safe and in your keeping,
as we long to see your face.
Light our journey to your kingdom,
with your flame of hope, we pray.
Fill our hearts with your compassion,
as you lead us night and day.

No more sadness, only glory,
when we meet you face to face.
No more sorrow, only dancing,
to the music of your grace.
You will fill us with rejoicing,
overflowing without end;
We will praise you, always singing,
never-ceasing praise. Amen!

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1 Corinthians 2:8 • Lamentations 5:21 • Psalm 24 • Matthew 5:16

The scope of these verses creates an acclamation of praise for our Maker while acknowledging the challenges of human pain, brokenness and our missteps. In verse 1 our Creator is called to fill our hearts with gratefulness as we petition our Redeemer, Christ, to lead us to the flame of passion and keep our hearts in the light of God's goodness.

The weakness of our human condition, outlined in verse 2, is compounded by the truth that we as humans have strayed from our Creator. In mercy, we implore God to reset our focus and bring us back, while setting our gaze upon the path to the light of salvation.

Verse 3 shifts the focus toward Christ, who lived in human form. The motion and flow of the verse transforms the text into a petition. In steadfast faith our Lord is asked to keep us safe night and day, filling our hearts with compassion while lighting the way to our heavenly home. This verse prepares the way to the glorious imagery of rejoicing, dancing and singing, abundantly found in the closing verse.

Tidings of gladness, overflowing with never-ceasing praise for our Maker complete verse 4 as we proclaim joy and gratefulness to our God Creator, Christ Redeemer.

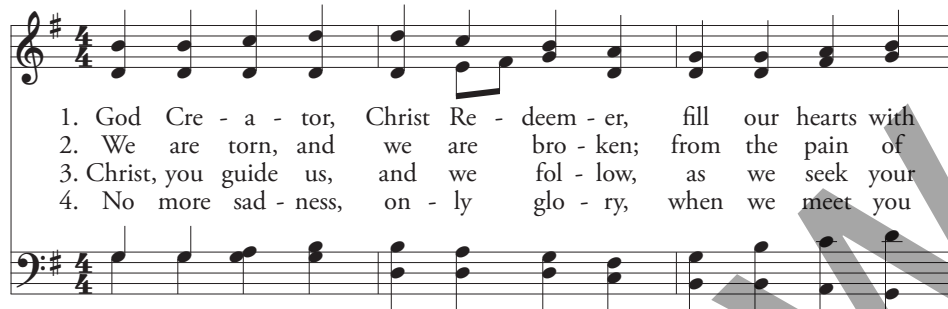
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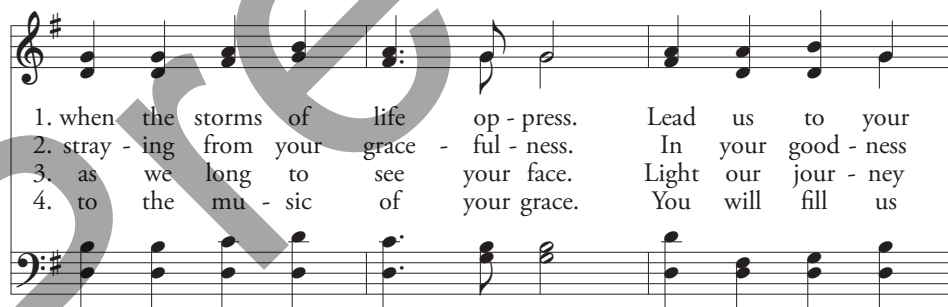
HYMN TO JOY



1. God Cre - a - tor, Christ Re - deem - er, fill our hearts with
2. We are torn, and we are bro - ken; from the pain of
3. Christ, you guide us, and we fol - low, as we seek your
4. No more sad - ness, on - ly glo - ry, when we meet you



1. grate - ful - ness. Be our guide - post and our bea - con,
2. hu - man - ness. We have turned and lost di - rec - tion,
3. truth and way. Keep us safe and in your keep - ing,
4. face to face. No more sor - row, on - ly danc - ing,



1. when the storms of life op - press. Lead us to your
2. stray - ing from your grace - ful - ness. In your good - ness
3. as we long to see your face. Light our jour - ney
4. to the mu - sic of your grace. You will fill us



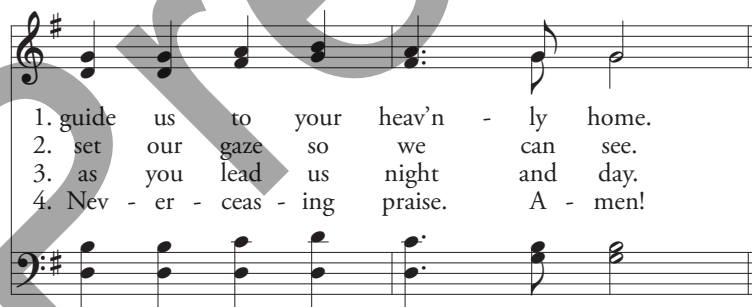
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1. flame of pas - sion, let our hearts not
2. you have giv - en your own life that
3. to your king - dom, with your flame of
4. with re - joic - ing, o - ver - flow - ing



1. ev - er roam. In your good - ness light our path - way,
2. sets us free; Bring us back, Lord, in your mer - cy,
3. hope, we pray. Fill our hearts with your com - pas - sion,
4. with - out end; We will praise you, al - ways sing - ing,



1. guide us to your heav'n - ly home.
2. set our gaze so we can see.
3. as you lead us night and day.
4. Nev - er - ceas - ing praise. A - men!

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