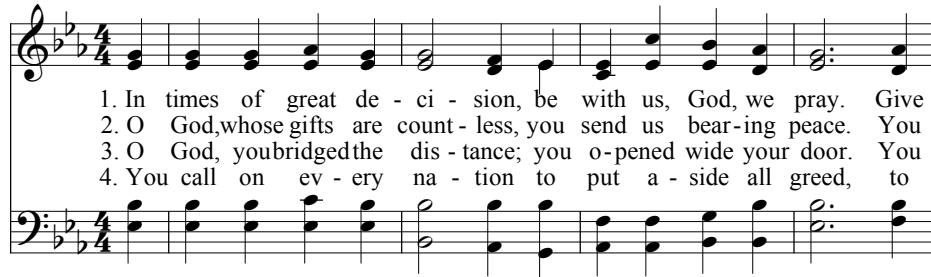
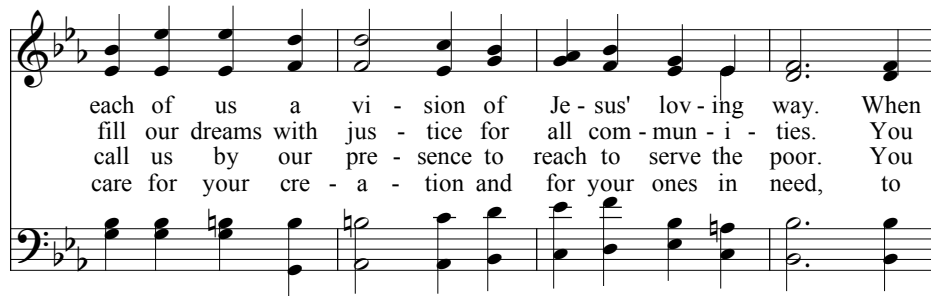


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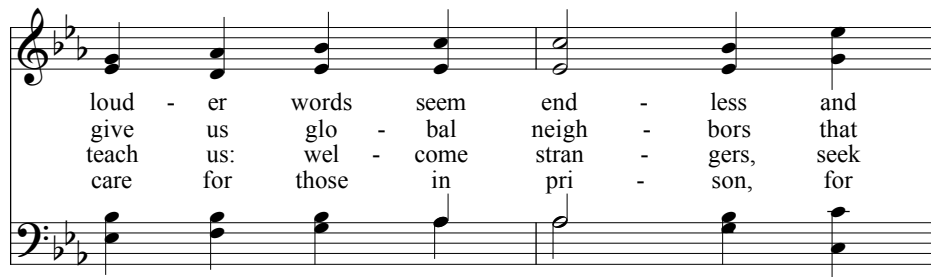
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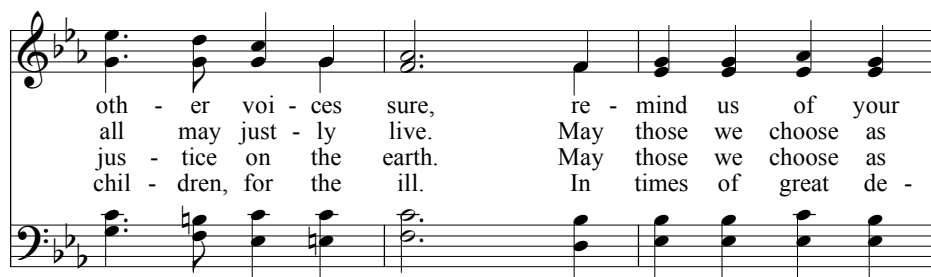
1. In times of great de - ci - sion, be with us, God, we pray. Give
2. O God, whose gifts are count - less, you send us bear - ing peace. You
3. O God, you bridged the dis - tance; you o - pened wide your door. You
4. You call on ev - ery na - tion to put a - side all greed, to



each of us a vi - sion of Je - sus' lov - ing way. When
fill our dreams with jus - tice for all com - mun - i - ties. You
call us by our pre - sence to reach to serve the poor. You
care for your cre - a - tion and for your ones in need, to



loud - er words seem end - less and
give us glo - bal neigh - bors that
teach us: wel - come stran - gers, seek
care for those in pri - son, for



oth - er voi - ces sure, re - mind us of your
all may just - ly live. May those we choose as
jus - tice on the earth. May those we choose as
chil - dren, for the ill. In times of great de -

pro - mise: your love and truth en - dure.
 lead - ers re - flect the life you give.
 lead - ers see ev - ery per - son's worth.
 ci - sion, may we choose lead - ers well.

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