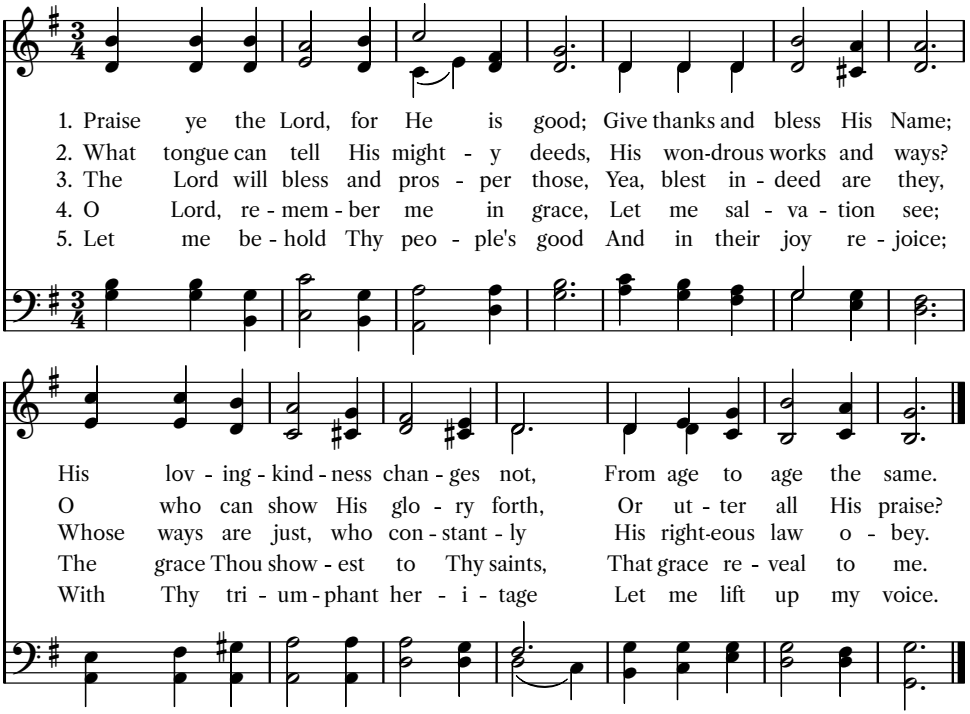
Praise and Confession



6. In evil we have gone astray,
   And sinful is our race;
   Rebelliously our fathers walked,
   Forgetful of Thy grace.

7. Though they rebelled, yet for their help
   In saving strength he came
   To make His power almighty known
   And glorify His Name.

8. He brought them safely through the sea
   And overwhelmed their foes;
   Their faith was stirred, and for the time
   Their songs of praise arose.

9. Forgetful soon, they tempted God,
   Nor for His counsel cared;
   He sent them leanness in their souls,
   Whilst they earth's bounties shared.

10. With envy they regarded those
    Whom God to them had sent;
    The opening earth, the kindling flame,
    Brought awful punishment.

11. A golden image they adored,
    And worshiped at its shrine;
    Thus they despised the living God
    And scorned His love divine.

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