

## Praise to the Trinity

Howard A. Snyder, 2004

Tune: *O Jesus, Delight of My Soul* (8888 D)

1. O Father, great Source of all life,  
We live by your provident care;  
Your wisdom is high over all,  
Your judgments are perfect and fair.  
The universe signs forth your truth,  
Your infinite power and might;  
The earth teems with life you have made,  
The sun and the stars show your light.
2. O Jesus, our joy and delight,  
How winsome your love and your ways!  
How gracious your words and your deeds,  
How faithful your life all your days.  
You walked all the way to the cross,  
You bore all humanity's woe;  
Forgiveness and life you have bought—  
Now unending life you bestow.
3. Pure Spirit of grace and of truth,  
We walk in your light day by day.  
You draw wandering nations to Christ,  
You show us the life-giving way.  
O send forth your fire and your light,  
Dispelling our folly and sin;  
O show us the truth in your Word,  
Enlivening the wisdom within.
4. All praise to the Father above,  
All praise to the now-risen Son;  
All praise to the Spirit of Life—  
All praise to the great Three-in-One.  
How glorious the one holy God,  
Fire, water, and lion and dove—  
Creation, redemption, he brings,  
New heaven and earth bathed in love.
5. Sing praise to the great Three-in-One,  
The Trinity high over all—  
The Trinity, near and within,  
The Lord on whom ever we call.  
You dwell in the high, holy place,  
You reign on your throne far above—  
You dwell with the humble of heart;  
We learn that to know you is Love.

## Jesus Brings A Liberating Gospel

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(Luke 4:14-30; Isa. 53:4-12; John 5:16; etc.)

Tune: Irby, 87 87 77 (*Once in Royal David's City\**)

1. Jesus brings a liberating gospel,  
Life and freedom for the poor.  
Freedom from all sinful passions,  
Power to love God more and more.  
Jesus sets the captives free,  
Jesus preaches jubilee.
2. We have wandered in the darkness;  
Jesus shines a liberating light.  
We have raised our self-made idols;  
Jesus is the truth and right.  
May we give him all our life;  
through him nations end their strife.
3. When we first encounter Jesus,  
we may be surprised by joy.  
We may find our lives remolded,  
Feel a strength no evil can destroy.  
Jesus takes away our sadness;  
Jesus fills the earth with gladness.
4. We stand mute in awe and wonder  
As we see him on the cross.  
Why did Jesus have to suffer?  
Why this agony and loss?  
Can it be for us he died?  
For our sins was crucified?
5. Early on a Sunday morning  
Jesus rose; made all things new.  
Jesus sends the liberating Spirit;  
Jesus raises me and you.  
Jesus forms his people here—  
Jesus frees the earth from fear.
6. Even now our Lord is working,  
Still the Spirit lifts and draws.  
Jesus acts to bring his kingdom,  
Helps the church to bear his cross  
Till all nations sing his praise,  
Till all hearts their worship raise.
7. Jesus, Savior, Lord and Master,  
Help us hear and follow now your call.

May we know your full salvation,  
See and seek your kingdom above all.  
May the nations know new birth,  
May your will be done on earth.

\*Note on the tune and meter: The tune *Once in Royal David's City* (Irby) is 87 87 77. The eighth-notes in the second and fourth measures however almost beg for added syllables. Some of this hymn's lines therefore have ten instead of eight (or nine instead of seven) beats. This accommodates (e.g.) the word "liberating" in stanzas one, two, and five. It would be possible to reduce these lines to eight (or seven) beats—e.g., changing "liberating" to "freeing" in stanza one, or deleting "See and" in the fourth line of stanza seven. I actually think the hymn is more singable, however, as written, with the added syllables—for instance, singing "kingdom above" in four eighth-notes rather than drawing out "above" in four eighth-notes.

To more strictly accommodate the meter, however, these changes could be made:

- Stanza 1, line 1: Jesus brings a freeing gospel
- Stanza 2, line 2: Jesus shines a leading light
- Stanza 3, line 4: Feel a strength none can destroy
- Stanza 5, line 3: Jesus sends the Holy Spirit
- Stanza 7, line 2: Help us follow now your call
- Stanza 7, line 4: Seek your kingdom above all.

## **How Gracious God's Call** [See below.]

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Tune: My Jesus, I Love Thee 11 11 11 11

(*O Boundless Salvation*)

This is written to the tune used for the great Salvation Army hymn by William Booth, "O Boundless Salvation." It was written to accompany and reinforce the main points of my lecture at the November 11, 2004, Asbury Seminary Presidential Inaugural Teach-In, "Holiness and the Five Calls of God." The first five stanzas correspond to the five "calls" outlined in the lecture, while stanza six is a sort of recapitulation. (I include the music, as the tune may not be well known.)

# How Gracious God's Call

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MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE 11. 11. 11. 11.  
J. Ellis, 1887



1. How gracious, how wise are  
2. How gracious, how holy,  
3. How gracious, how healing  
4. How gracious, how freeing  
5. How gracious, how deep are  
6. How gracious, how pure are

the callings of God!  
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the callings of God!

He call us as  
He brings forth a  
He reigns o'er the  
All sisters and  
He calls us to  
The Trinity



stewards of  
people by  
nations with  
brothers  
walk in the  
calls us to

all the earth abroad.  
water and by blood—  
justice and his rod.  
receive his gifts so good.  
Spirit and the Word.  
spread his love abroad,

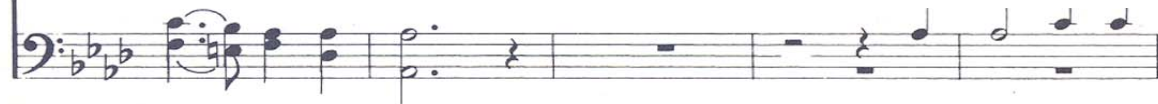
He names us his regents— Oh,  
He calls us to life through his  
He calls us to serve his good  
We hear Jesus calling, "Now  
He bids us, "Come share now the  
his grace to incarnate, so



may we heed his call,  
covenantal law,  
purpose in the earth,  
come and follow me—  
depths of Triune love—  
all the world may see—

to care for the garden,  
to live as his people,  
to seek first his kingdom,  
Now live out your giftings,  
and live pure and holy,  
to live like the Master,

to care for the  
to live as his  
to seek first his  
now live out your  
and live pure and  
to live like the



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Master,

to care for the garden,  
to live as his people  
to seek first his kingdom  
now live out your giftings  
and live pure and holy,  
to live like the Master,

preserving life for all.  
in holy, loving awe.  
so all may know his worth.  
in gracious liberty."  
on earth— as above.  
proclaiming grace so free.

