

Opening Hymn No. 100: God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us

- 1: God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true;
hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you:
Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.
- 2: Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold;
mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold:
Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.
- 3: Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman, too;
Abram's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you.
Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.
- 4: Covenant, new again in Jesus, Starchild born to set us free;
sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be.
Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!
- 5: Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring;
live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

Closing Hymn No. 577: God of Grace and God of Glory

- 1: God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, (of this hour)
for this facing of this hour.
- 2: Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, (of these days)
for the living of these days.
- 3: Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, (kingdom's goal)
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
- 4: Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, (we adore)
serving thee whom we adore.