

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1. O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong;
4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 430
Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918
Music: H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898
Tune: MARYTON, Meter: LM*

There Is a Balm in Gilead

1. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
2. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain. But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
3. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
4. Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend, and if you look for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend.
5. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
6. If you can't preach like Peter, If you can't pray like pray like Paul, Just tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all.
7. There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 375
Text: Afro-American spiritual (Jer. 8:22)
Music: Afro-American spritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986
Tune: BALM IN GILEAD, Meter: Irr.*

Prayer Of Confession

O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

Through your Spirit, we rest in the assurance of your acceptance.

Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose.

Through your Spirit, we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love.

Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future.

Through your Spirit, we offer ourselves in discipleship. We come together as your disciples. We seek renewed & renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord. Touch us now with your Spirit.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 095
Text: Thomas Ken
Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois
Tune: OLD 100TH, Meter: LM*

Jesus Calls Us

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"
2. As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more!"
4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"
5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 398
Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895
Music: William H. Jude
Tune: GALILEE, Meter: 87.87*

Here I Am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

*The United Methodist Hymnal Number 593
Text: Dan Schutte, 1981 (Is. 6:8)
Music: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988
Tune: ---, Meter: 77.74 D with Refrain*