

Lord Jesus, Dearest of All Friends

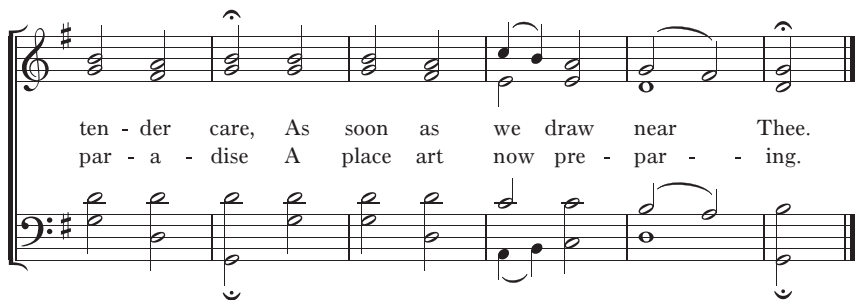
(106, 153)

1. Lord Je - sus, dear - est of all friends, Head of Thy
2. By Thine as - cen - sion, Lord, we may Now see the

con - gre - ga - - tion, Thy ho - ly priest-hood nev - er
o - pen heav - en; And thus Thou hast to us the

ends, Thou grant - est sure sal - va - - tion; Thou art the
way Un - to the Fa - ther giv - - en. This faith doth

One who an - swers prayer, Dost fill our needs with
know and cer - tain is That Thou for us in



3. Thou didst go to the Holy Place
By virtue of Thy suff'ring,
For us salvation by free grace,
O glorious Lord, discov'ring.
Thou hast alone by Thy great might
Brought life and righteousness to light,
That shall abide forever.

4. Hast Thou, our Head, to heaven gone,
There shall Thy members gather;
Thou wilt not leave them here alone,
But bring them to the Father;
For where Thou art, there shall they be,
And Thee, Lord, glorified, shall see
In everlasting rapture.

5. Draw us, O Lord, to follow Thee,
A heav'nly nature giving;
In words, desires, and works, may we
Henceforth to Thee be living!
O draw our hearts on high to Thee
That all our hope, wealth, rest may be
Alone with Thee in heaven.

6. What is above, in future we
Shall seek it, unabating;
All vanity, Lord, teach us flee,
All sin and evil hating!
Away, O world, all thy pretense
Is truly wretched, an offense,
To all those heaven-minded!

7. O Priceless Gem, that gleams above,
I'd make Thee all my treasure;
Thee, Precious Pearl, alone I love,
In Thee I find my pleasure!
O Heritage of joy and peace,
O Blessedness that will not cease,
Be mine—through Jesus' mercy!