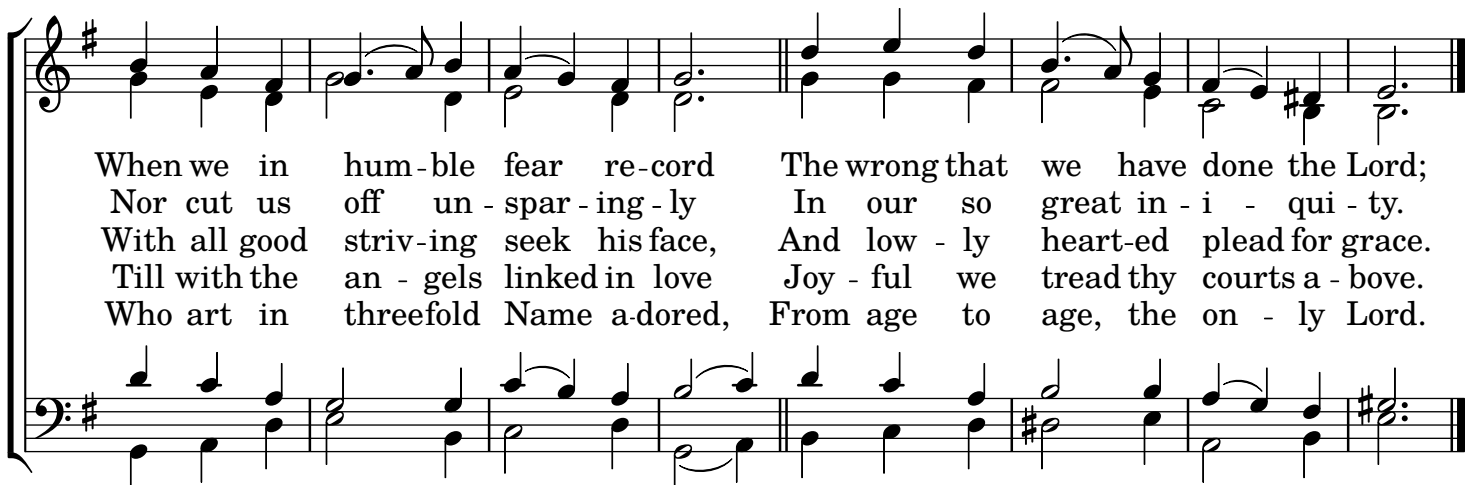


1. Now is the heal - ing time de - creed For sins of heart, of word or deed,
 2. Who, al - way mer - ci - ful and good, Has borne so long our way-ward mood,
 3. There-fore with fast - ing and with prayer, Our se-cret sor - row we de - clare;
 4. Cleanse us, O Lord, from ev - 'ry stain, Help us the meed of praise to gain,
 5. Fa - ther and Son and Spir - it blest, To thee be ev - 'ry prayer ad-dressed,



When we in hum-ble fear re-cord The wrong that we have done the Lord;
 Nor cut us off un - spar - ing - ly In our so great in - i - qui - ty.
 With all good striv-ing seek his face, And low - ly heart-ed plead for grace.
 Till with the an - gels linked in love Joy - ful we tread thy courts a - bove.
 Who art in threefold Name a-dored, From age to age, the on - ly Lord.

*Ecce tempus idoneum*c. 12th cent.; tr. Thomas A. Lacey, *The English Hymnal*