

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,

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

5. A - men.

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Music: DAS NEUGEBORNE KINDELEIN, Later form of melody from Vulpius's *Gesangbuch*, Jena, 1609; Harm. chiefly by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)