

WE LAUD, O LORD, YOUR GIFT OF LOVE  
A Prayer Anthem for Church Workers

On Celebratory Occasions

originally for  
The Rev. Vernon Schreiber on his retirement on his last Sunday as  
our pastor: Nov. 4, 1990

Revised and cast in general terms for  
The Rev. Arnold Wangerin on the fiftieth  
anniversary of his ordination

Redelicated to Rev.  
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$\text{♩} = \text{about } 60$

Unison

*mf*

1. We laud, O Lord, your

gift of love through ser-vants from our race, who speak to us of heav'n a-

bove In words of won-derous grace.

Women

mp 2. Grant them con-tin- ued ser-vice true In this life!

The first system of music features a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 2/4. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands.

and be-yond; And may their deeds, in-spired by you, In heav'n-ly fruits

The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line has a melodic line with some ties. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and rhythmic patterns.

rit  
a-bound.

The third system concludes the piece with a 'rit' (ritardando) marking. The vocal line ends with a long note and a fermata. The piano accompaniment also features a 'rit' marking and ends with a final chord. There are three empty staves below this system.

S  
A  
T  
B

1. Your Spir-it broods o'er wa-ters deep and lends our

S  
A  
T  
B

sha- lows depth; May He our lives in safe-ty keep

S  
A  
T  
B

dy His gre-a - - - - - tye breath.



Soprano Descant

f  
Choir unison

O Sav-ior with your Fa-ther King

And Spir-it

f

O Sav-ior with your Fa-ther King

And Spir-it

mf

fresh and true, We praise you now for fostering the good be-

fresh and true, We praise you now for foster-ing The good be-

gun - in you.

A - men! A - men! A -

men  
pp

gun in you.

A - men! A - men! A - men! A - men!

pp

decrescendo

pp

Dear Paul:

Original revision (The Meyer version)

We laud, O Lord, your gift of love  
Through servants from our race,  
Who speak to us of heaven above  
In words of wondrous grace.

Suggested revision (changing "race" to "human space")

We laud, O Lord, your gift of love  
In servants of your grace,  
Who spread good news from heaven above  
Throughout our human space.

Walter J. Bartling  
5/20/91

*WJB*