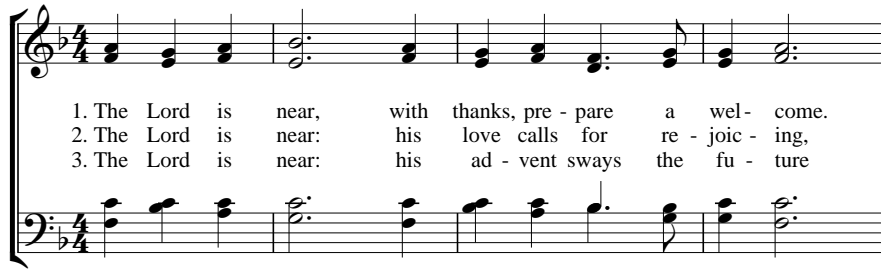
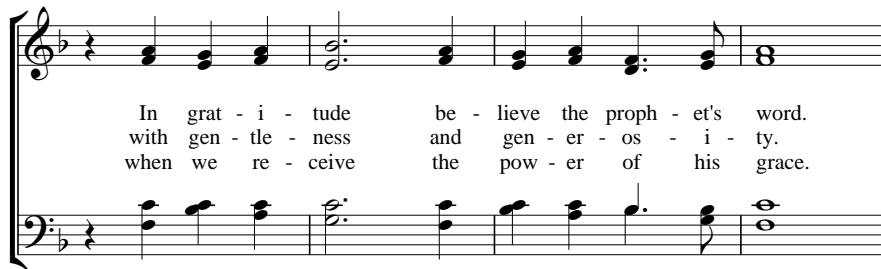


## The Lord is near



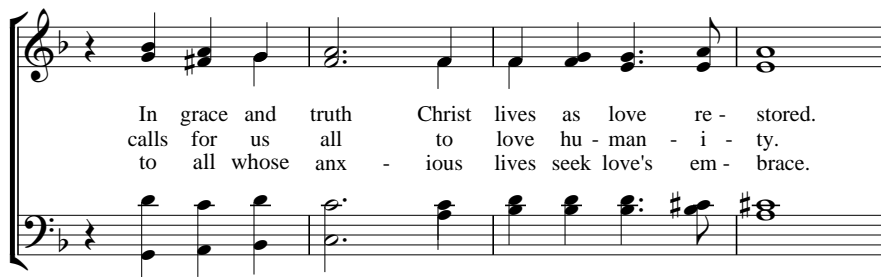
1. The Lord is near, with thanks, pre - pare a wel - come.  
 2. The Lord is near: his love calls for re - joic - ing,  
 3. The Lord is near: his ad - vent sways the fu - ture



In grat - i - tude be - lieve the proph - et's word.  
 with gen - tle - ness and gen - er - os - i - ty.  
 when we re - ceive the pow - er of his grace.



Im - man - u - el will come as God has prom - ised.  
 The peace of God, be - yond all hu - man know - ing,  
 His wis - dom lives, his pres - ence still brings heal - ing



In grace and truth Christ lives as love re - stored.  
 calls for us all to love hu - man - i - ty.  
 to all whose anx - ious lives seek love's em - brace.

The Lord is near! In hope pre - pare to greet him.  
 The Lord is near! In faith pre - pare to serve him,  
 The Lord is near! This birth of love is com - ing

In prayer a - wait, his com - ing is as - sured.  
 for jus - tice now lasts to e - ter - ni - ty.  
 in hope ful - filled. Come, meet Christ face to face.

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