

When Christ went to the Temple

1. When Christ went to the Tem - ple to wor - ship God one day,
 2. There cat - tle, sheep and pi - geons were sold for sac - ri - fice,
 3. When prayer gave way to prof - it, and pride closed man - y doors,
 4. O God, you love the na - tions and call us all to pray.

he en - tered through the court - yard where an - y - one could pray.
 and mon - ey - chang - ers shout - ed of qual - i - ty and price.
 the Lord cried out in an - ger and made a whip of cords.
 For - give us when our wor - ship turns oth - er folk a - way.

That court was for the na - tions and all could en - ter in.
 Out - sid - ers could not en - ter the in - ner courts for prayer.
 He shoed the sheep and cat - tle and scat - tered pi - geons, too.
 As Christ, in lov - ing pro - test, fought prej - u - dice and pride,

But Je - sus found a mar - ket, a shame - ful rob - bers' den.
 Their on - ly place to wor - ship was in the court - yard there.
 God's house was for all peo - ple, not for a cho - sen few.
 may we who fol - low Je - sus now wel - come all in - side.

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