

In Times of Great Decision

In times of great decision, Be with us, God, we pray!
Give each of us a vision Of Jesus' loving way.
When louder words seem endless And other voices sure,
Remind us of your promise: Your love and truth endure.

O God, whose gifts are countless, You send us bearing peace.
You fill our dreams with justice For all communities.
You give us global neighbors That all may justly live.
May those we choose as leaders Reflect the life you give.

O God, you bridged the distance; You opened wide your door.
You call us by our presence To reach to serve the poor.
You teach us: Welcome strangers! Seek justice on the earth!
May those we choose as leaders See every person's worth.

You call on every nation To put aside all greed,
To care for your creation And for your ones in need,
To care for those in prison, For children, for the ill.
In times of great decision, may we choose leaders well.

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The new hymn's suggested tune is Samuel Sebastian Wesley's AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D ("The Church's One Foundation") or Welsh folk melody LLANGLOFFAN ("O God of Every Nation").

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