

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

OPENING SONGS

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 Music: 'Unser Herrscher' or 'Neander' Joachim Neander, 1680. Setting: "Chorale Book for England", 1863.
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♩ = 100

1. Op - - en now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2. Lord, my God, I come be - fore Thee, Come Thou al - so un - to me;
 3. Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, Here Thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4. Thou my faith in - - crease and quick - en, Let me keep Thy gift di - - vine,
 5. Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done in - deed;

Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for Him Who an - swers prayer.
 Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
 Let my soul, where it is plant - ed, Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - - lone,
 How - so - e'er temp - - ta - tions thick - en; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
 May I un - dist - - urbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed.

Oh, how bless - èd is this place, Filled with so - lace, light and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter Thou, Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
 So that all I hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 As my guid - ing star through life, As my com - fort in my strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows, Here is balm for all our woes.