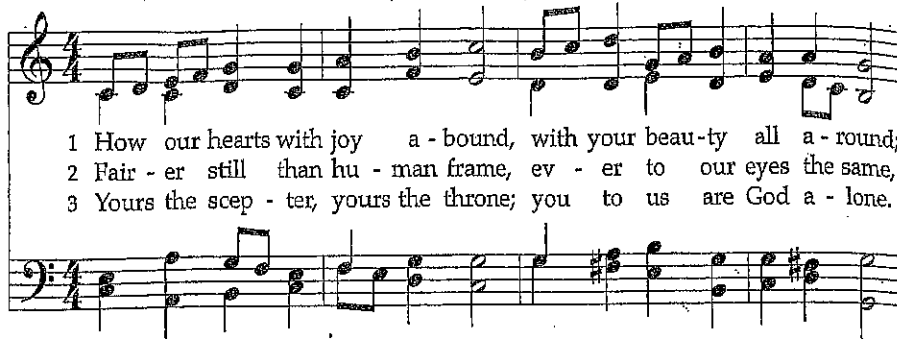
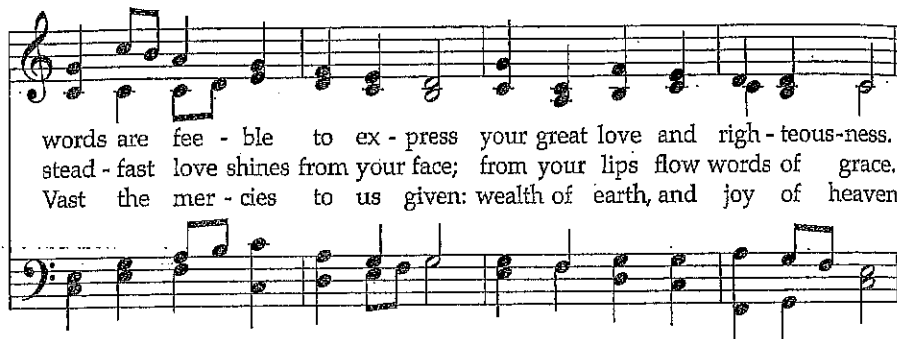


# How Our Hearts with Joy Abound

(Psalm 45)



1 How our hearts with joy a - bound, with your beau-ty all a - round;  
2 Fair - er still than hu - man frame, ev - er to our eyes the same,  
3 Yours the scep - ter, yours the throne; you to us are God a - lone.



words are fee - ble to ex - press your great love and righ - teous-ness.  
stead - fast love shines from your face; from your lips flow words of grace.  
Vast the mer - cies to us given: wealth of earth, and joy of heaven.

Though it may have originated as a royal marriage ode, Psalm 45 has come to be understood in both Jewish and Christian traditions as having messianic overtones, and it is quoted that way in Hebrews 1:8-9. This 20th-century paraphrase skillfully maintains that double application.