

## Come Let Us Sing

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,  
we have stood silently too long;  
surely the Lord deserves our praise,  
so joyfully thank God for our days.
- 2 O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;  
God's living waters will never fail.  
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,  
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
- 3 You dwell among us and cause us to pray,  
and walk with each other following your way;  
our precious brothers and sisters will grow  
in the fulfilling love they know.
- 4 Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing  
to the desire of all living things.  
Come, all you creatures, high and low,  
let your praises endlessly flow.

Jim Strathdee

## Psalm 34

### *Refrain:*

*Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of our God.*

Robert E. Kreutz

I will bless God at all times,  
God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

**My soul will glory in God, the humble will hear  
and be glad.**

O magnify God with me, let us exalt God's name together.

**I sought God, who answered me,  
and freed me from all my fears.**

Look to the Most High, and let your light shine,  
and your faces will not be ashamed.

**This poor soul cried out and God heard,  
and saved me from all my troubles. R**

Your angel, O God, keeps guard over those who fear you  
and delivers them.

**Taste and see that our God is good.  
Happy are those who take refuge in God.**

for those who fear God lack nothing.

**Strong lions suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek God lack no good thing. R**

Come, my children, and listen to me,  
I will teach you the fear of God.

**Which of you delights in life,  
and desires many days to enjoy prosperity?**

Keep your tongue from evil, your lips from speaking lies.  
Turn away from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it.

**God's eyes are upon the righteous,  
God's ears open to their cry.**

God's face is set against evil-doers,  
to blot out their remembrance from the earth.

**The righteous cry out and God hears them,  
and rescues them from all their troubles.**

God is near to the broken-hearted,  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

**Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but God sets them free from every sorrow.**

God guards every bone in their body;  
not one of them will be broken.

**Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

But you, God, redeem the life of your servants;  
**None who take refuge in you are condemned. R**

## **We Have This Ministry**

- 1 We have this ministry  
and we are not discouraged;  
it is by God's own power  
that we may live and serve.  
Openly we share God's word,  
speaking truth as we believe,  
praying that the shadowed world  
may healing light receive.  
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.
- 2 O Christ, the tree of life,  
our end and our beginning,  
we grow to fullest flower  
when rooted in your love.  
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay,  
called to service by your grace,  
different cultures, different gifts,  
the young and old a place.  
We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.
- 3 The yoke of Christ is ours,  
the whole world is our parish;  
we daily take the cross,  
the burden and the joy.  
Bearing hurts of those we serve,  
wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,  
Holy Spirit, bread and wine,  
we die and rise again.  
We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.