

O Church of God, United

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ELLACOMBE

1. O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.
2. From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear;
To serve one valiant leader they come from far and near.
They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord,
And place their sure dependence on his saving word.
3. Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee;
and in they loving spirit we shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power of they redeeming name.
4. May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son:
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.

Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing

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SUGAR GROVE

1. Lord, we come to ask your blessing
on the love that makes us one;
here, as Christians, to acknowledge
you are Lord, and you alone.

2. God of love, unless you bless us
how can we each other bless?
Only as you live within us
is there depth of happiness.

3. May our loving be a sharing
of the gifts we each possess;
may no failure of forbearance
turn our love to bitterness.

4. May Lord, we come to ask your blessing
in the presence of our friends:
Grant us joy that blesses others,
grant us love that never ends.