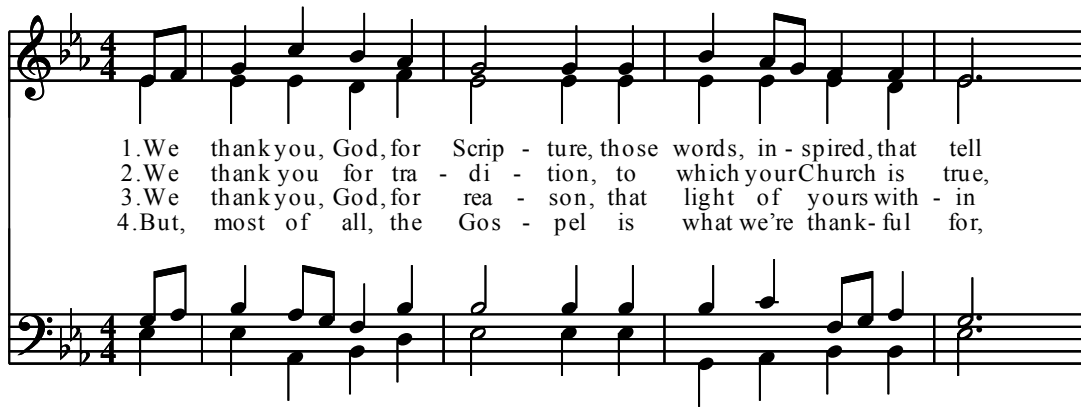


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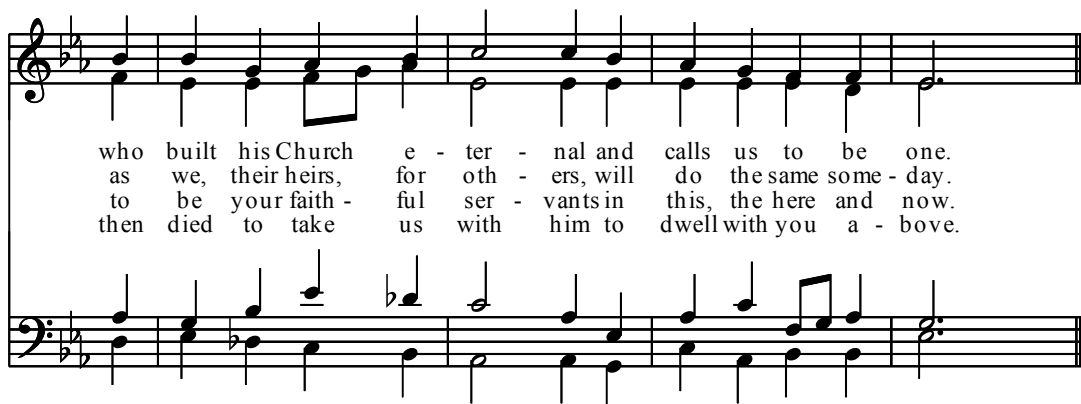
1. We thank you, God, for Scrip - ture, those words, in - spired, that tell  
2. We thank you for tra - di - tion, to which your Church is true,  
3. We thank you, God, for rea - son, that light of yours with - in  
4. But, most of all, the Gos - pel is what we're thank - ful for,



of how you made the heav - ens, of how your crea - tures fell,  
the teach - ings and the cus - toms that con - stant - ly re - new;  
that lets us fath - om Scrip - ture and where your Church has been,  
the news of your re - demp - tion of wealth - y and of poor—



of how you called us of - ten, of how you sent your Son,  
the saints who came be - fore us have helped to show the way,  
for rea - son, by your Spir - it, will help to teach us how  
the Word made flesh dwelt with us and taught us self - less love,



who built his Church e - ter - nal and calls us to be one.  
as we, their heirs, for oth - ers, will do the same some - day.  
to be your faith - ful ser - vants in this, the here and now.  
then died to take us with him to dwell with you a - bove.