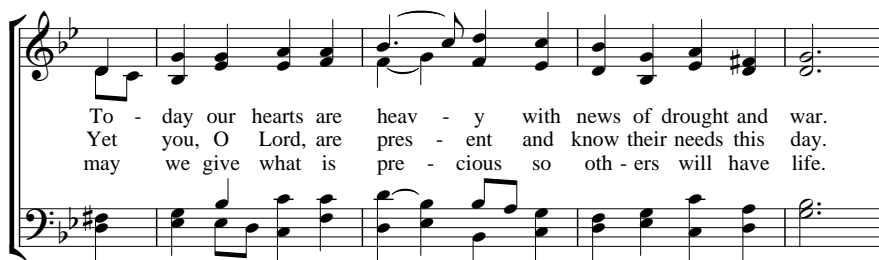


O God, You Love the Needy



1. O God, you love the need - y and care for all the poor.
 2. To us they seem so dis - tant; their grief is far a - way.
 3. O God, in Christ you teach us that love means sac - ri - fice;



To - day our hearts are heav - y with news of drought and war.
 Yet you, O Lord, are pres - ent and know their needs this day.
 may we give what is pre - cious so oth - ers will have life.



When plant - ings yield no har - vest, when hun - gry peo - ple die,
 You call us to weep with them in all they jour - ney through,
 Now bless these gifts we're bring - ing for neigh - bors who are poor,



when fam - ilies flee de - fense - less, Lord, hear your peo - ple's cry!
 to reach our hands out to them, for they are loved by you.
 till mourn - ing turns to sing - ing and fam - ine is no more.

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