Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley, 1747; alt. Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27 1 Love di-vine, all loves ex - cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found, 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov - ing Spir-it in - to ev - ery trou-bled breast; 3 Come, al-might - y to de - liv - er, let us all your life re - ceive; 4 Fin - ish, then, your new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less may we prove; all your faith - ful hum - ble dwell-ing, mer - cies crown; Let us all in you in - her - it, let us find your prom-ised rest; ne - ver-more your tem - ples leave. Sud-den - ly re - turn, and ne - ver, per-fect - ly re - stored in Let us see your great sal - va - tion all com - pas - sion; pure, un-bound - ed love im - part. Je sus, you are sin-ning; Al-pha and O - me-ga be; Take a - way our love of al - ways bless-ing, love you as your an - gels love, we would be Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, us with your sal - va-tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart. of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty. Pray and praise for your un - fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a - bove. Crowned as saints, we ev - er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

This hymn is said to have been suggested by a "Song of Venus" from Dryden's King Arthur. It is one of 6,500 written by Charles Wesley, the "sweet singer of Methodism," who was skilled at interweaving literary and scriptural images.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

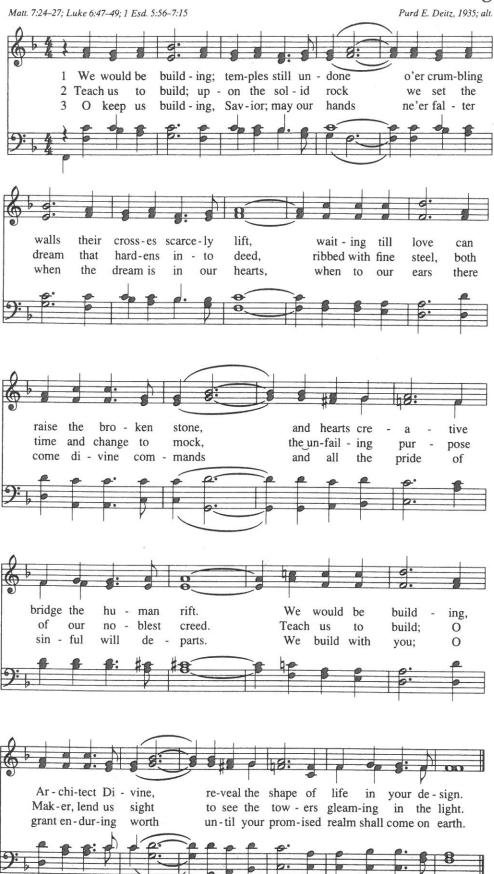
John Zundel, 1855
Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL
For another harmonization, see 368, 495

O Holy City, Seen of John

Rev. 21:1-22:5; Heb. 11:16 Walter Russell Bowie, 1910; alt. of John, where Christ, the Lamb, does reign, ho - ly cit - y, con-tent while lust and greed for gain O shame to us who rest 3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the cit - y that has stayed of God that cit - y is pre - pared: Al - read - y in the mind with-in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain, shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain, in street and dream, whose laws are love, whose ways are your own ways, too long a splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare, oh, how its wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain. And where the tears are deep de - spair cry, "Christ has died in vain!" And bit - ter lips in is your grace for all our days. blaz - es And where the sun that build its glo-ry there. Yes, bids us seize the whole of life and

Walter Russell Bowie, Episcopal priest and seminary professor, was a member of the committee that prepared the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. This hymn expresses a hope for a realm of God beginning here and now.

Tune: MORNING SONG 8.6.8.6.8.6. Melody from Sixteen Tune Settings, 1812 Harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940



Purd Deitz, pastor of Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church in Philadelphia, wrote this hymn to express the youth conference theme, "Christian Youth Building a New World." Set to one of his favorite tunes, Finlandia, it became popular around the world. Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.10. Jean Sibelius, 1899 Arr. for The Hymnal, 1933