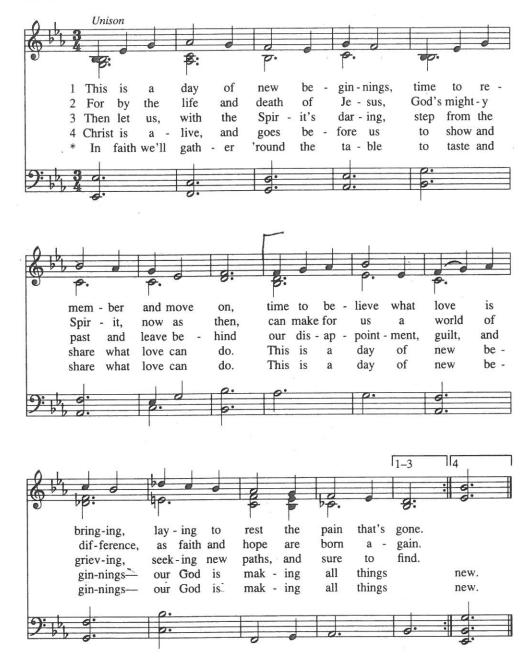
## This Is a Day of New Beginnings

2 Cor. 5:16-17

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1983



\*Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.

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## I've Got Peace Like a River





Congregations or individuals may wish to add additional verses of their own making.

Most of the spirituals that drew from biblical stories and images used the Hebrew scriptures, rather than the New Testament, as their inspiration. The imagery of "peace like a river" derives from the book of Isaiah.

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African-American spiritual

Be Still, My Soul

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752 Transl. Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855; alt.

