How Small Our Span of Life



- 1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
- 2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in fin i ty;
- 3 O Christ, you left e ter ni ty to plunge in time's swift stream,
- 4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran sient years,



a sin-gle beat with - in the heart, the catch-ing of a breath, our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty. to share the short-ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem. il - lu-min-ing our pil-grim-age through mists of doubt and fears;



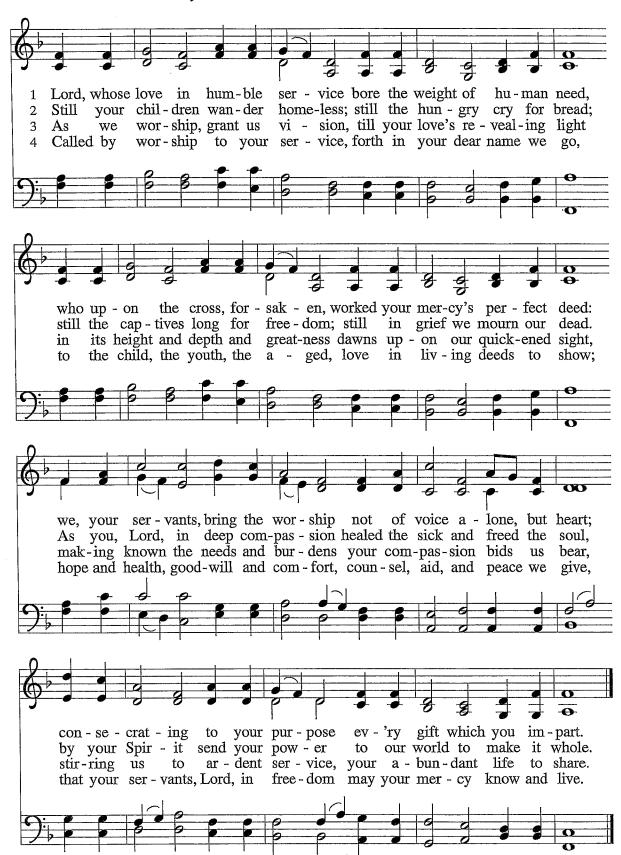
a drop with-in the o-cean's deep, a grain up-on the shore, While suns and stars spin end-less-ly through depths of cos-mic space, You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end for hope that sees a life be-yond the swift-ly pass-ing days;



light be flash of see the fore we sleep to sun no ag - es pass, you while ae - ons roll and hold us in your grace. ris - en life that and touch us with your ours may time trans-cend. and di - vine, that love, both hu - man lifts our hearts to for

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712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



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Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



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Lord God, We Praise You



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