

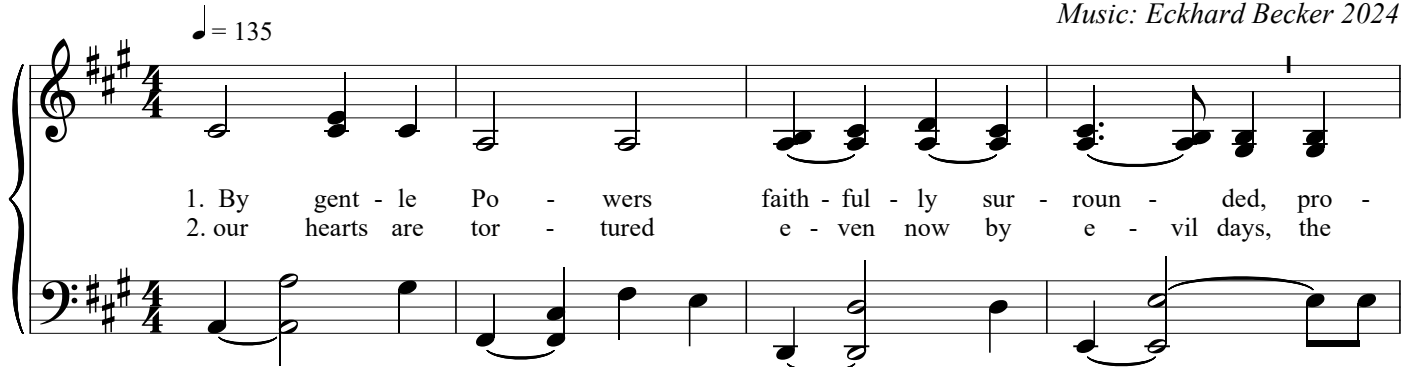
# By gentle Powers wonderfully sheltered

An impulse after "Praise the Lord, all ye who honour Him"

Lyrics: Dietrich Bonhoeffer 1944

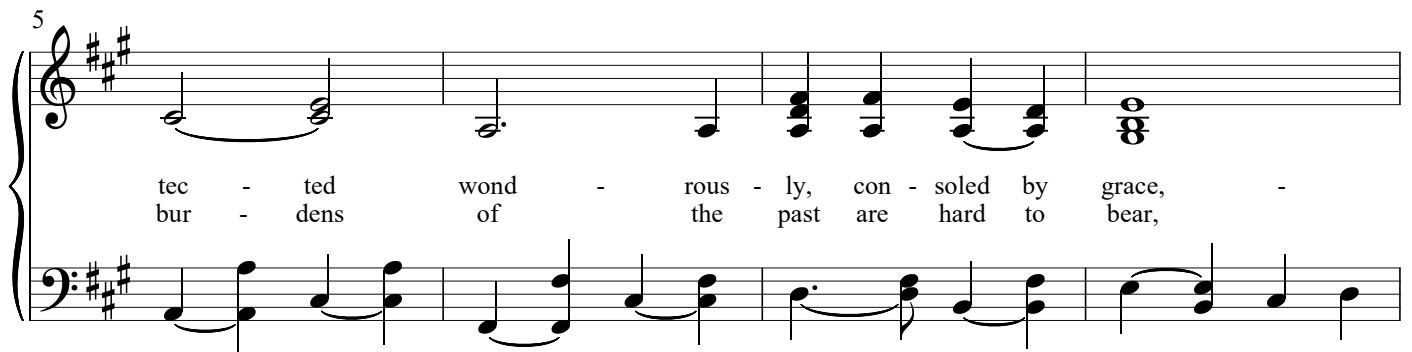
Music: Eckhard Becker 2024

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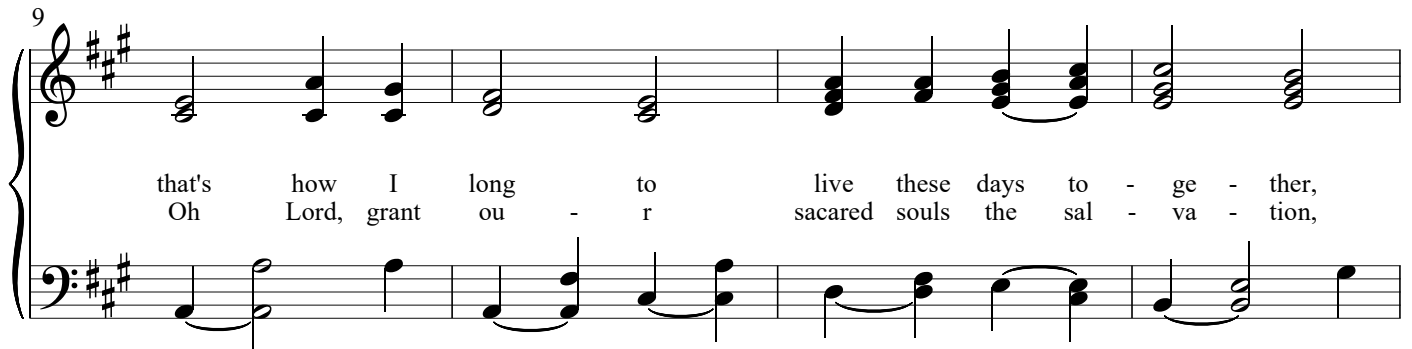
1. By gent - le Po - wers faith - ful - ly sur - roun - ded, pro -  
2. our hearts are tor - tured e - ven now by e - vil days, the

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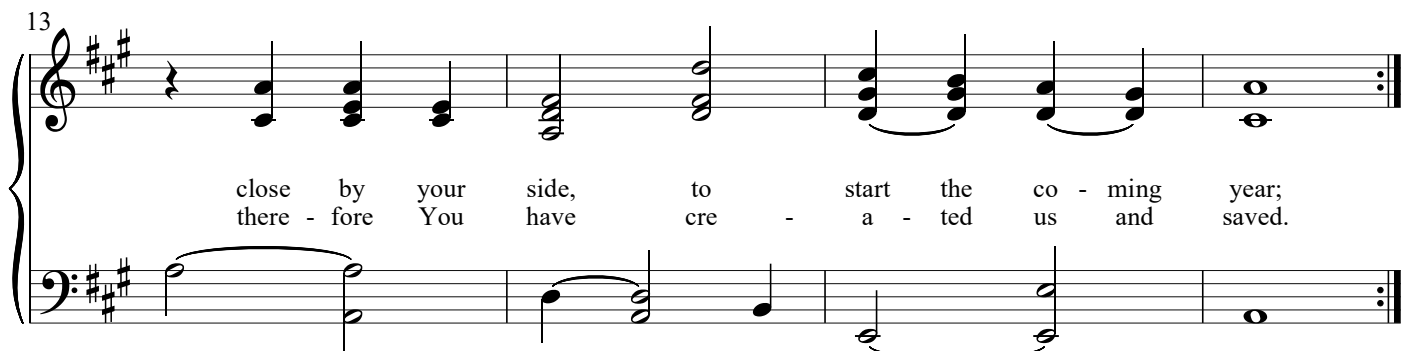
tec - ted wond - rous - ly, con - soled by grace, -  
bur - dens of the past are hard to bear,

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that's how I long to live these days to - ge - ther,  
Oh Lord, grant ou - r sacared souls the sal - va - tion,

13



close by your side, to start the co - ming year;  
there - fore You have cre - a - ted us and saved.

17

3. And if You pass the hea - vy cup of suf - fe - ring, the  
4. But if You will grant us once more the joy, to see this

21

bit - ter the cha - splen - dor filled to the high - est brim,  
of its bea - ming sun,

25

then we will take it, grate - ful with - out tremb - ling  
the we will sure - ly all the past re - mem - ber

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out of Your good and so be - lo - ved hand.  
and ou - r whole lives will be Yours a - lone.

*On the Wednesday before Easter, the melody of the chorale "Praise the Lord" by Paul Gerhardt came to mind when I thought again of the hymn "By gentle Powers". Was it this melody and thoughts that accompanied Dietrich Bonhoeffer in those days? Praising God is given to us as a task - it is precisely in the times when we don't feel like it that it unfolds its greatest power! "Praise the Lord, all who honor him; let us sing His name with joy and bring praise and thanksgiving to His altar." That's the first stanza of the chorale I mentioned. Praise the Lord!*

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5. Let warm and bright the cand - les flames light up to - day, which  
6. When now the si - lence spreads a - round, help us to hear and  
7. By gent - le Po - wers won - der - ful - ly shel - tered, a -

37

You have brought in ou - r gloo - my times,  
lis - ten to the full em - bra - cing sound  
wai - ting fear - less - ly what there will be.

41

lead us to - ge - ther back a - gain if that can be!  
of this world, which un - seen a - round is wi - de - ning  
God, he is near at dusk and in the mor - ning

45

We know for sure, Your light shines through the night.  
to all Your child - rens high - est hymns of praise.  
and with us cer - tain - ly on each new day.