

GREAT Shepherd of Thy people, hear;
Thy presence now display;
As Thou hast given a place for prayer,
So give us hearts to pray.

- 2 Within these walls let holy peace
And love and concord dwell;
Here give the troubled conscience ease,
The wounded spirit heal.
- 3 May we in faith receive Thy Word,
In faith address our prayers;
And in the presence of our Lord
Unburden all our cares.
- 4 Some token show of Thy great love,
Our fainting hearts to raise;
And pour Thy blessing from above,
That we may render praise.
- 5 The hearing ear, the seeing eye,
The contrite heart bestow:
And shine upon us from on high,
That we in grace may grow.
- 6 And may the Gospel's joyful sound,
Enforced by mighty grace,
Awaken many sinners round,
To come and fill this place.

John Newton, 1725-1807