Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.”
2 Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.”
3 Lord, you make the common holy: “This my blood and this my blood.”
4 Lord, you show us love’s true measure: “Father, what they do, for they give.”
5 Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.”

Lest the church neglect its mission, that the world may trust your promise,
Let us all, for earth’s true glory, yet we hoard as private treasure,
Faith and hope and love restoring,

And the gospel go unheard, help us witness
Daily lift life heavenward, asking that the
All that you so freely give, may your care and
May we serve as you intend and, amid the

To your purpose with renewed integrity:
World around us share your children’s liberty:
Mercy lead us to a just society:
Cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:

Refrain

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wilder - ness

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - do - ls and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

“Awake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With... bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the nations,
   a song of peace and sunlight beams your kingdom come;
   this is my home, the country where my heart is;
   but other hearts in other lands are beating with hope and dreams as true and high as mine.

2 My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean,
   and sunlight beams for lands afar and mine.
   But other lands have sunlight too, and closer,
   So hear my song, O God of all the nations, for their land and for mine.

3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth’s kingdoms,
   on clover leaf and pine.
   and hearts united learn to live as one.
   So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations, let your will be done.

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