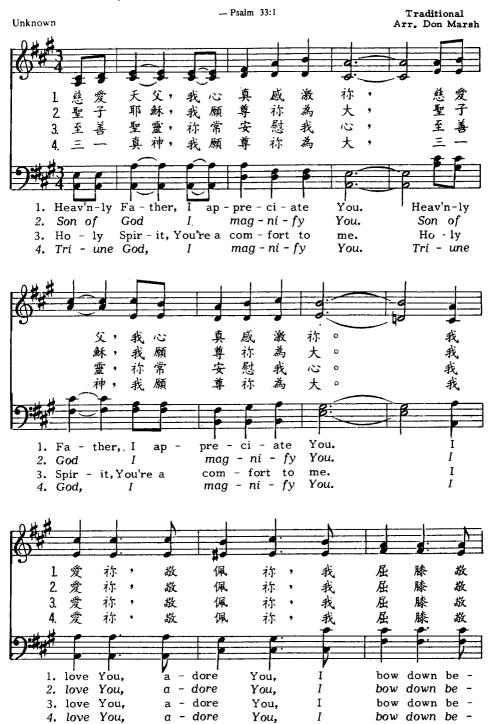
## **慈爱天父**,我心真感激祢

## Heavenly Father, I Appreciate You

Rejoice in the Lord, O Ye righteous, for praise is comely for the upright.





## **Psalms** 122 & 123

How good it is to enter the sanctuary of the Lord!

I know that God is not confined within man's four-walled creations, nor is He attached to altars and brass symbols.

And yet, in the beauty and quietness of God's house I find His presence very real and fulfilling.

God is with me and about me even as I make my way through the concrete and steel jungles of the cold and unfriendly city.

He is present

even behind the anonymous faces of the rushing crowds
elbowing their way to their respective destinations.

I find Him in the hearts and lives of His children who infiltrate the urban masses and who are running His errands and fulfilling His purposes in the course of their daily duties.

I cannot outrun or evade my God.

He goes before me and follows closely behind me. He will keep me and sustain me wherever I am.

And yet I rejoice as I enter His sanctuary and mingle with those who honor His name and seek His grace.

There, shielded from the screaming tensions and ear-splitting sounds of the city, in the company of those who love one another,

I happily open my heart to the loving mercy of God.

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