

In God's Most Holy Presence
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In God's most holy presence we meet with one accord,
To grasp the hand of friendship and learn of Christ, our Lord.
We leave the week behind us, with all its toil and strain,
With grateful hearts to welcome the Sabbath once again.

Our worship will be fruitless and all our prayers in vain,
If, holding this day sacred, we make the week profane.
In every daily duty, high purpose we must show,
And as we hope for Heaven, make earth a heav'n below.

If we but love Thee truly, our love is not confined
To Thee, but grows expansive, embracing all mankind.
Help us in mutual service for all, abroad, at home,
To share the conquering travail that makes Thy kingdom come.