

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

Present Lord

TUNE: Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (ST. AGNES)

Isaiah 57:15

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, Am/C, E/B, Am, D, G, D7/A, G, D/F#, G, A7/E, D. Below the staff, there are four lines of lyrics:

1. Al - might - y, High Ex - alt - ed God, Ho - ly, un - touched, un - seen;
2. Cre - a - tor, Fa - ther, Pres - ent Lord, Lov - ing Com - pan - ion, Friend,
3. Wor - ship and work - ing, joy and rest, Speak - ing and list - 'ning flow;
4. Nour - ish a full, whole - heart - ed trust That I might glad - ly trace

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: Am, Am6, E/B, Am/C, A7/C#, D, A7/D, D, D/C, G/B, C, C/E, G/D, D7, G. Below the staff, there are four lines of lyrics:

Yet in Your love You draw me near— No one can come be - tween.
When You re - veal how real You are, Fear and its strug - gles end.
Freed by the truth that You are here, Love in its beau - ty grows.
How far be - yond all thought You are, Yet see You face to face.

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TOPICS: God's Presence; Living in Christ; Praise & Worship;
Knowing Christ; Faith

LEAD-IN: *This is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: “I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit.” (Isaiah 57:15, NIV)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Creator

Creator, Father,
I am Yours—
 life, breath, mind, energy,
 Spirit and body, past and future,
I am entirely Yours.
Conceived by Your love,
Knit together by Your infinite wisdom,
Born and cradled in Your power,
I am the child of Your very being, O Lord of all.

You love me.
Father God,
Before the mountains could witness it,
You invested yourself *in me*.
You devoted yourself to my needs.
Driven by love, You held nothing back—
Now, then, always.
I don't understand it, but everything around me says it is so—
The air, my food and water, every pattern and color,
Every conversation with a friend.
Reminders flood my senses from birth to death.

Creator, Father,
Your glory invites me to come and know You,
And prodded by my needs, my failures and anxieties,
I look up to You,
I hunger for You.
Father, fulfill in me that unhindered relationship
That Your love has always craved,
That Your wisdom would patiently teach,
That Your power can provide.
Draw my life energies into yourself,
The Source and Goal of all I am.
Enable me to become all I can become,
To grow, to learn, to discover and aspire,
But all *in You* and *unto You*.

Creator, Father,
Nurture that trust within me.
Nurture that love.