The Voice of God Is Calling

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1. The voice of God is calling its summons in our day;
Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say:

"Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need? Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?

2. "I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill; no field or mart is silent, no city street is still.

I see my people falling in darkness and despair. Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?"

3. We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer: Here are we! Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be.

Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour; but you can use our weakness to magnify your power.

4. From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve; purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;

take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way. Speak, and behold! we answer; command, and we obey!