

Commissioned by Betsy Sullivan for St. Richard's Catholic Church, Richfield, Minnesota

JESUS, YOU CALL ME FRIEND AND DISCIPLE

Delores Dufner, OSB

Jesus, you call me friend and disciple,
walking beside me day after day.
How may I serve you? Help me to hear you.
Ready and willing, three things I pray.

May all who seek you know you more clearly,
learn from the Gospel what you intend:
healing, forgiving, showing compassion,
kindness to family, refugee, friend.

May all who know you love you more dearly,
finding your likeness in ev'ry face;
seeing our planet beautiful, fragile,
caring for creatures none can replace.

May all who love you follow more nearly,
trusting the God in whom we believe:
living more simply, sharing abundance,
giving as freely as we receive.

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This hymn was commissioned by Betsy Sullivan, music director at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Richfield, Minnesota. It is based on the last lines of the Prayer of St. Richard, 13th century Bishop of Chichester. The prayer became famous with "Day by Day" from the musical hit, *Godspell*: "May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day." Set to a well-known tune, the hymn lends itself to congregational song.

In the first stanza we claim our role as friends and disciples of Jesus, and ask how we may be of service to him. The last line, "three things I pray," lays the groundwork for the following three stanzas.

Stanza two asks that we may know Christ and what he wants of us "more clearly." Stanza three asks that we may love Christ "more dearly," not only in himself but also in creation and in other persons. Finally, the fourth stanza asks for the grace to follow Jesus "more nearly," living simply and sharing from our abundance. Each of these stanzas suggests ways in which we might demonstrate that we have indeed come to know Christ, to love him, and to live as his followers.

Use: Christian Life, Discipleship, Love for God, Petition/Prayer,
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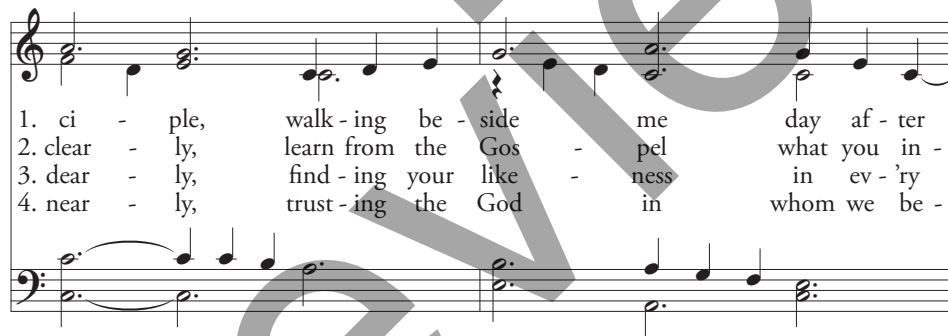
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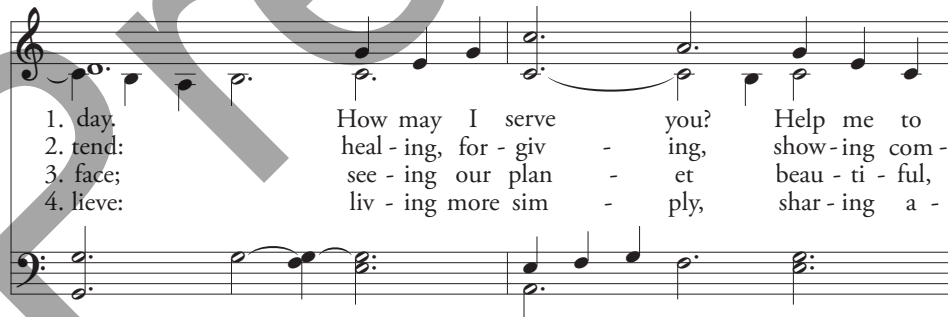
BUNESSAN



1. Je - sus, you call me friend and dis -
2. May all who seek you know you more
3. May all who know you love you more
4. May all who love you fol - low more



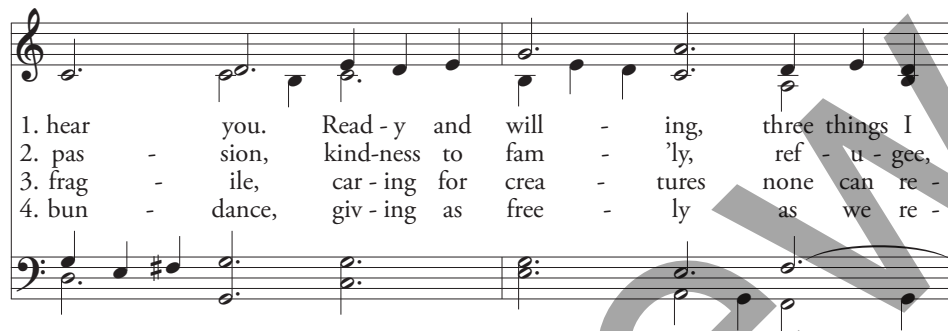
1. ci - ple, walk - ing be - side me day af - ter
2. clear - ly, learn from the Gos - pel what you in -
3. dear - ly, find - ing your like - ness in ev - 'ry
4. near - ly, trust - ing the God in whom we be -



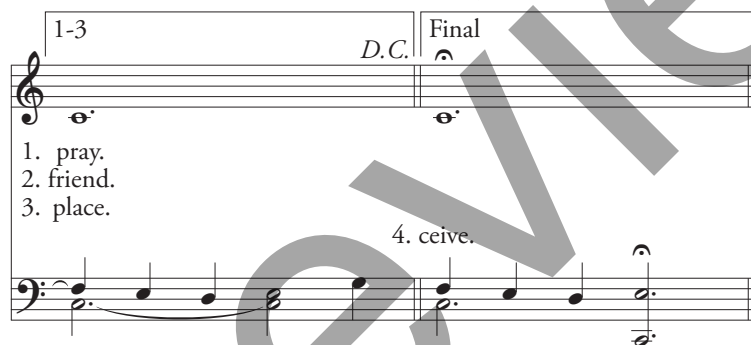
1. day, How may I serve you? Help me to
2. tend: heal - ing, for - giv - ing, show - ing com -
3. face; see - ing our plan - et beau - ti - ful,
4. lieve: liv - ing more sim - ply, shar - ing a -



JESUS, YOU CALL ME FRIEND AND DISCIPLE, cont. (2)



1. hear you. Read - y and will - ing, three things I
2. pas - sion, kind-ness to fam - 'ly, ref - u - gee,
3. frag - ile, car - ing for crea - tures none can re -
4. bun - dance, giv - ing as free - ly as we re -



1-3 *D.C.* Final
1. pray.
2. friend.
3. place.
4. ceive.

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