

OCP Choral Series

Variations on AZMON

*(The Spirit Sends Us Forth/
O for a Thousand Tongues)*

Assembly, Solo, SATB Choir, Descant, and Keyboard

The Spirit Sends Us Forth, Delores Dufner, OSB
O for a Thousand Tongues, Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

AZMON (adapt.), CM
Carl Gotthilf Gläser, 1784–1829
Arranged by Jane Hawes

INTRO *Maestoso* (♩ = ca. 116)

Keyboard

f

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VERSE 1

Unison Choir and Assembly

f

1. The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; We go in Je - sus'
 1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re - deem - er's

1. name To bring glad tid - ings to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro -
 1. praise, The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of His

1. claim.
 1. grace!

rit.

VERSE 2

Solo

*gracefully
a tempo*

mf

2. We go to com - fort those who mourn And set the bur - dened
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro -

mp
a tempo

rit.

2. free; Where hope is dim, to share a dream And
2. claim, To spread through all the earth a - broad The

rit.

a tempo

2. help the blind to see.
2. hon - ors of Thy name.

a tempo

VERSE 3 (♩ = ca. 100)

Soprano *mp*

Alto

Tenor

Bass *mp*

3. We go to be the hands of Christ, To scat - ter
3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our

3. joy like seed And, all our days, to the
3. sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the

rit. *a tempo*

3. cher - ish life, To do the lov - ing deed.
3. sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.

rit. *a tempo*

VERSE 4 (♩ = ca. 84)

Solo

4. Then let us go to serve in peace, The gos - pel to pro - claim. God's
4. He speaks, and, lis-t'ning to His voice, New life the dead re - ceive. The

rit. // *a tempo*

4. Spir - it has em - pow - er'd us; We go in Je - sus' name.
4. mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, The hum - ble poor be - lieve.

Maestoso (♩ = ca. 116)

f

VERSE 5

Descant

a tempo ***f***

5. We go _____ in Je - sus' name. We
 5. Hear Him, _____ His praise _____ em - ploy; Be -

Unison Choir and Assembly

a tempo ***f***

5. The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; We go in Je - sus' name To
 5. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loos - ened tongues em - ploy; Ye

5. bring good news; God's fa - vor pro - claim.
 5. hold Him come, And leap _____ for joy.

5. bring glad ti - dings to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 5. blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come, And leap, ye lame, for joy.

S *ff*
 A - men, A - men.
T
B *ff*
ff

Composer Notes

I originally wrote “Variations on AZMON” for a hymn festival celebrating Charles Wesley’s 300th birthday. If you are not familiar with Wesley’s work, the text used here is a good way to make his acquaintance. In any case, this piece is well suited to any particularly joyful occasion, whether your choir is large or small. Enjoy!


—Jane Hawes

Assembly Edition


VARIATIONS ON AZMON (The Spirit Sends Us Forth/O for a Thousand Tongues)

Arr. Jane Hawes


Verses 1, 5: All



1, 5. The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; We
 1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
 5. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your




1, 5. go in Je - sus' name To bring glad tid - ings
 1. great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
 5. loos - ened tongues em - ploy; Ye blind, be - hold your



1, 5. to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 1. God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
 5. Sav - ior come, And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Final



A - men, A - men.

Verses 2-4: Choral Variations

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| <p>2. We go to comfort those who mourn
 And set the burdened free;
 Where hope is dim, to share a dream
 And help the blind to see.</p> <p>3. We go to be the hands of Christ,
 To scatter joy like seed
 And, all our days, to cherish life,
 To do the loving deed.</p> <p>4. Then let us go to serve in peace,
 The gospel to proclaim.
 God's Spirit has empower'd us;
 We go in Jesus' name.</p> | <p>2. My gracious Master and my God,
 Assist me to proclaim,
 To spread through all the earth abroad
 The honors of Thy name.</p> <p>3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
 That bids our sorrows cease;
 'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
 'Tis life and health and peace.</p> <p>4. He speaks, and, list'ning to His voice,
 New life the dead receive.
 The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
 The humble poor believe.</p> |
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