## 488 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born ing cry; I'll be there when 2 "When you heard the won der of the Word, I was there to
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word, I was there to 3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no



you old. re - joiced the day you were bap-tized are to cheer you You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord on. to lon - ger young, to guide you through the night, com-I'llbe there



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a whom you now be - long. If you find some-one to share your plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith well; blaze to suit you in of time and you join I'll be there your hearts as one, to and you shut in your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



find where de - mons light you wan - dered off to dwell." make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till sun." ris - ing prise." with just have al - ways been one more sur -



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

### Glory Be to the Father







The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

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# Great Is Thy Faithfulness



\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

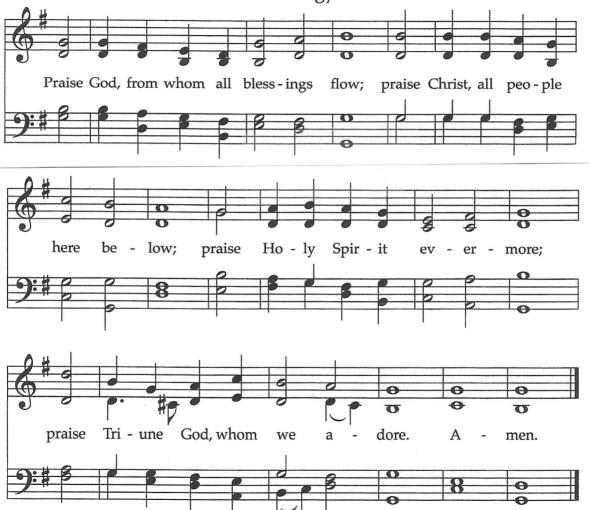
Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.



#### 607

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology



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## I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.