

# God of the Pilgrim Way

- 1 God of the pilgrim way,  
guide of each generation,  
through ever-changing years  
our sure and firm foundation:  
we turn to you, the source  
of all that's good and true,  
the never-failing store  
of treasures old and new.
  
- 2 We praise you for the lives  
of those who went before us,  
saints honoured, saints unsung,  
the witness which they bore us;  
for those who took to heart  
the prayer of Christ the Son,  
that all who bear his name  
should be in Christ as one:
  
- 3 One Church, a house of peace,  
where people long surrounded  
by walls built to divide  
meet, held in Love unbounded.  
The suffering of our world,  
the sorrows of our earth  
cry for your healing touch,  
long for a second birth.
  
- 4 And when the way grows hard,  
and will and purpose fail us,  
when dreams and visions die,  
and doubts and fears assail us,  
let wisdom from on high  
our troubled spirits raise,  
walk with us on the road  
and set our hearts ablaze.



5 United for your sake,  
by grace a new creation,  
grant us the strength to serve  
the work o

These words were written for the tune 'Darmstadt', by Ahasuerus Fritsch (1629-1701). To my mind it is one of the noblest chorales of the Lutheran Reformation, especially as set by Bach (copy below). I have chosen it