Holy God, We Lift Our Voices

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1. Holy God, we lift our voices In a hymn of thanks and praise
2. They have blessed us in our worship, showing us the gospel’s goal,
3. They have opened up the scriptures in the context of today,
4. They have walked with us in sorrow, sharing self to meet our need.
5. Bless, O God, their new endeavors: Travel, family, leisure days,
6. “Well done, good and faithful servants”, hear our blessing now to you,

For the pastors you have sent us Called to serve us thro’ these days.
Weaving silence, word and music with a sure, artistic soul,
Words of comfort, words prophetic, words to show us how to pray,
They have joined in celebration, partnering our dancing feet,
“Go with God in all your journeys, find God’s peace in all you do.

Bless them as they journey onward, Hold them in your care always.
Integrating many voices into one creative whole.
Helping us to find a gospel to illumine our way.
Building into daily living sacramental wine and wheat.
May God’s love embrace, enfold you, ever making all things new.”