

Come to Tend God's Garden

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Luke 13:6-9; Gal. 5:22-26

1 Come to tend God's gar - den, seeds of hope to sow, plant-ing fields of
 2 As we tend God's gar - den, from its fur-rows rise stems of fresh be -
 3 May God's gar - den flour - ish, may our toil suc - ceed, may God bless our

*Whenever this repeated figure appears in the bass,
 the organist should tie the eighth notes in the bass part.

jus - tice, watch-ing mer - cy grow! In an ar - id waste - land,
 gin - nings, stretch-ing toward the skies! Gra-cious-ness, our mead - ow,
 ac - tions, ev - ery word and deed! Serv-ing Christ each sea - son,

spread a ver - dant heath! In a land of tu-mult, cul - ti - vate God's peace!
 joy - ful - ness, our root, u - ni-ty, our fo-liage, righ-teous-ness, our fruit!
 with God's di - a - gram, chart-ed by the Spir-it, for the task at hand!

John Dalles is the author of more than 200 hymn texts. This one was written for the 275th anniversary of the Synod of the Trinity (Pennsylvania), where Dalles has served as a pastor at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh.

Tune: KING'S WESTON 6.5.6.5.D.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925
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