

# Thread of Grace

(tune: Ode to Joy)

When we heard the voice of Jesus  
Calling us to follow on,  
In fresh hope we found a story,  
Friends and vision to belong.  
Justice, peace and newfound vigour,  
These the themes that made our song.  
Thread of grace our hope and promise,  
In God's fabric we were strong.

In the way of Jesus finding  
Friends among the weak and lost;  
Giving strength and sharing table  
Weaving joy not counting cost.  
Faith and practice knit together,  
In new ways hope is revealed.  
Thread of grace the strength and leader,  
Fibre of a love that's real.

In the warp and weft of journey,  
Fear is sewn where faith once led.  
Loss and pain once in the distance,  
Draw in close to split and shred.  
Fabric torn and edges fraying,  
In the Spirit's breath are caught.  
Thread of grace the Seamstress tender  
Mends the rift and heals the wrought.

Looking back in grateful memory  
On the road that we have made.  
We have learned to read the patterns  
Feel the trace the thread has laid.  
New and old will come together,  
Outworn ways will be replaced.  
Thread of grace will lead us onward  
To know Jesus in this place.

We will heed the voice of Jesus  
Calling us to follow on,  
In fresh hope to be the Story,  
Old and new friends to belong.  
Justice, peace and newfound vigour,  
These will be our themes and song.  
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In God's fabric to be strong.

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