

God, In Our Church's Teaching

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Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

God, in our church's teaching, may we be bold and clear;
I - sai - ah bold - ly told us you hate our worship ways
May these be crucial lessons we teach the old and young:
O God, we grieve the violence, the shoot - ings, and the hate;

may it be - come our prac - tice to coun - ter hate and fear.
when we ig - nore in - jus - tice and sim - ply of - fer praise.
that ra - cist ways are e - vil, that sex - ist ways are wrong.
we grieve our own in - dif - ference, our speak - ing out too late.

We've said that Je - sus' mes - sage is one that's filled with love,
And Je - sus gave a warn - ing: When we, in sin and pride,
In Sun - day schools and pul - pits, may this be what we speak:
God, in our church's wit - ness, may we say loud and clear:

and yet our sweep - ing state - ments are clear - ly not e - nough.
re - fuse to wel - come oth - ers, we turn our Lord a - side.
God made each per - son pre - cious, be - lov - ed and u - nique.
We wel - come ev - ery neigh - bor. We work for jus - tice here.

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