All of Life is Filled with Wonder

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D (“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”)

All of life is filled with wonder, so we thank you, God of love —
For the crash of evening thunder, clearing clouds, then stars above;
For the night that turns to glowing as we feel the morning mist,
God, we praise and thank you, knowing every day we’re truly blessed.

For the joy of daily waking, for the gift of each new day,
For the smell of fresh bread baking, for the sound of children’s play,
For the ways we seek to serve you as we work and volunteer,
God we humbly praise and thank you for your presence with us here.

For the ways we’re blessed with plenty — love and laughter, neighbors, friends,
Nature’s wonders, seasons’ bounty, life in you that never ends,
For the ones who’ve gone before us, giving witness to your way —
We rejoice in all you give us every moment, every day.

For your love in times of trouble, for your peace when things are tough,
For your help when hardships double, for your grace that is enough,
For a stranger’s gentle kindness, for a doctor’s healing skill —
God, we thank you that you bless us, and you bless your world as well.

For the baby in the manger, for the cross and empty tomb,
For each time a searching stranger finds at church a welcome home,
For your kingdom’s great surprises — poor ones lifted, lost ones found —
God, we thank you! Hope still rises, for your gifts of grace abound.

Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824 (“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”)
Alternative Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D (“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”)
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