

## **The Church's Calling**

Recommended Tune: Bristol CM

1. There are five verbs that start with T  
that help the Church recall  
the Christian duties we agree  
are laid upon us all.
2. The Church is called to TEACH the world  
all other tasks above  
how Jesus' life and death unfurled  
the breadth of God's great love.
3. Each one is called to TELL and show  
quite simply, without fuss,  
witnessing to the truth we know,  
what God's love means to us.
4. We all are meant to TEND the young:  
to nurture in Christ's way  
all lives that need to be made strong  
to cope with life today.
5. To TREASURE earth that God has made,  
ban arrogance and greed  
and cut the carbon, fairly trade  
this must be creed and deed.
6. Called to TRANSFORM and be TRANSFORMED  
so, by the Spirit's power  
relationships may be conformed  
to Christ to fruit and flower.
7. This five-fold way the Church is given -  
the saints it has sufficed -  
to plant on earth the seeds of heaven  
and so to follow Christ.

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## **Incarnation and Environment**

*Recommended Tune: Quem Pastores*

1. Jesus, source of all creation,  
light for this and every nation:  
for your earthly incarnation  
we give thanks with joy and pride.
2. When God set the world in motion,  
people, plants and fish in ocean,  
you were there with strong devotion,  
Wisdom at the Father's side.
3. But when humankind was failing,  
earthly mortal creatures quailing,  
world polluted, damaged, wailing,  
you were born as Word and Guide.
4. From eternity you parted;  
time stood still as you departed,  
came to human flesh and started  
life that would be glorified.
5. So you showed us mirth and sharing,  
how to love and be forbearing,  
walk the earth with gentle daring,  
by the way you lived and died.
6. Lord, our world won't last for ever.  
Hold us then to our endeavour;  
may we tend the earth, and never  
spurn the harvests you provide.
7. Jesus, source of all creation,  
light for this and every nation:  
for your earthly incarnation  
we give thanks with hope and pride.

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