

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

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SATB, organ, and opt. congregation

Brian Wren, 1978

David Ashley White, 1997

Majestically moving (♩ = ca. 138, ♩ = ♩)

The musical score is arranged in three systems. The first system contains the vocal parts (SATB) and the piano accompaniment. The vocal parts begin with a rest in the first two measures (5/4 and 6/4), then enter in the third measure (2/2) with the lyrics "This is a day of". The piano accompaniment starts in the first measure with a forte (*f*) dynamic and a legato texture. The second system continues the vocal parts with the lyrics "new be - gin - nings, time to re -". The piano accompaniment continues with a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand and a steady bass line. The third system concludes the piece with a final chord in the piano part.

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9 *mf warmly* 3

mem - ber, and move on, time to be - lieve what love — is

mf

Solo

mf

12 *f* rest the pain that's gone. *mf*

bring - ing, lay - ing to rest pain that's gone. *mf*

f

Solo off

f

mp

16 S.A. *tenderly, but not slower*

For by the life and death of Je - sus, *mp*

love's might - y

Solo *mf* Solo off

20 *mp* *f*
 can make for us a world of
mf *mp* *f*
 Spir - it, now as then, can make a world of
 Man.

24
 dif - 'rence, as faith and hope are born a -
 dif - 'rence,
 Ped.

27
 gain.
mf

S.A. *mp*
 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the

T.B. *mp*

p
 Man. Ped.

mf past and leave *mp*
 past, leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and

mf *mp*

mf

p *mp* *mf* *f*
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, seek - ing new paths, and

p *mp* *mf* *mf*

seek - ing new paths, and

grad. cresc. *f*
 Ped.

44 *ff* *poco rit.* *a tempo, as at the beginning*

sure — to — find.

ff *poco rit.*

50 *f*

Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us

f

f

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to show and share what love can do. This is a

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our God 7

day of new be - gin - nings, our God is

our God is

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ff *poco rit.* *a tempo*

mak - ing all things new.

ff

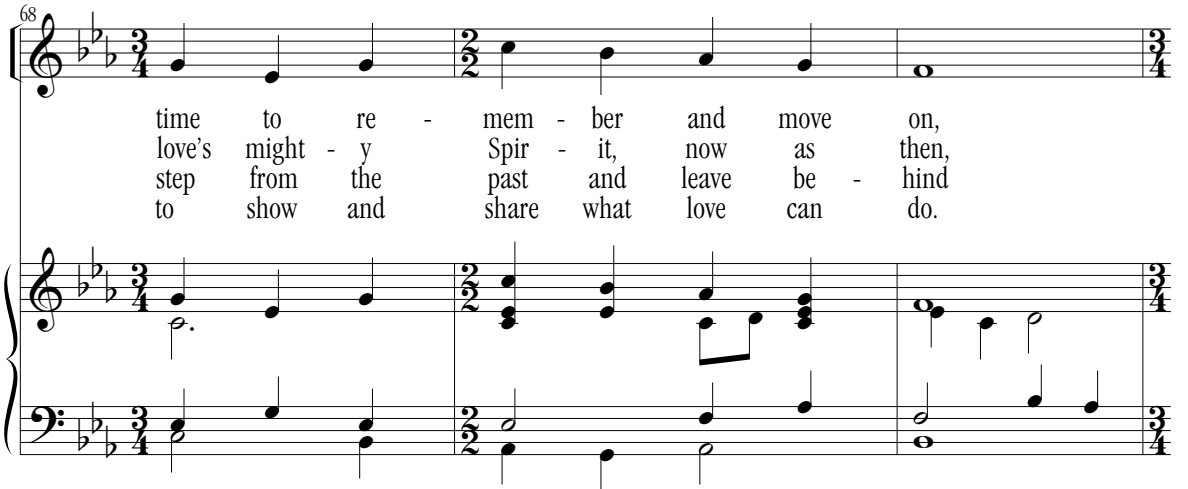
poco rit. *a tempo* *rit.*

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a tempo (with optional congregation)

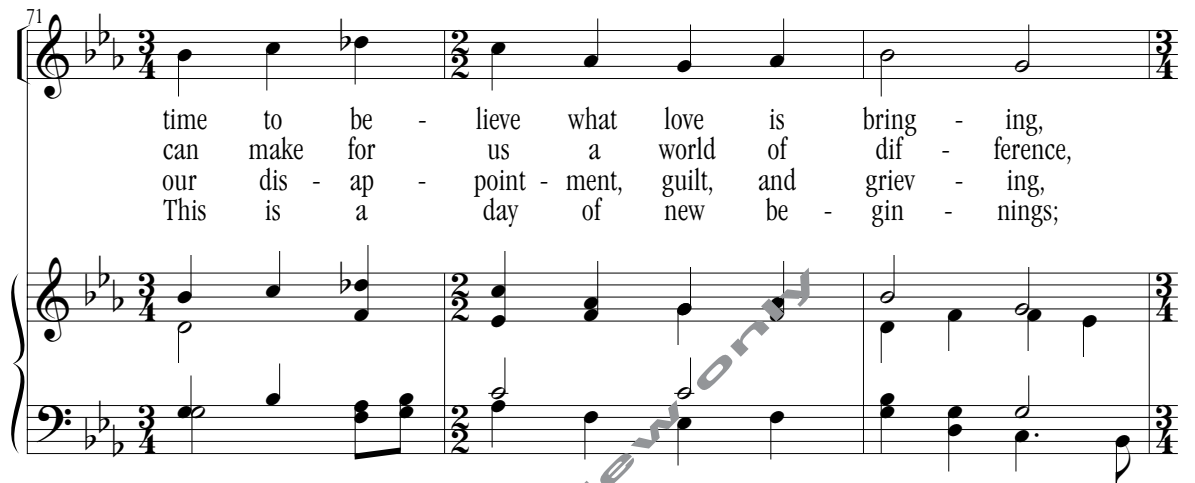
1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings,
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus,
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us

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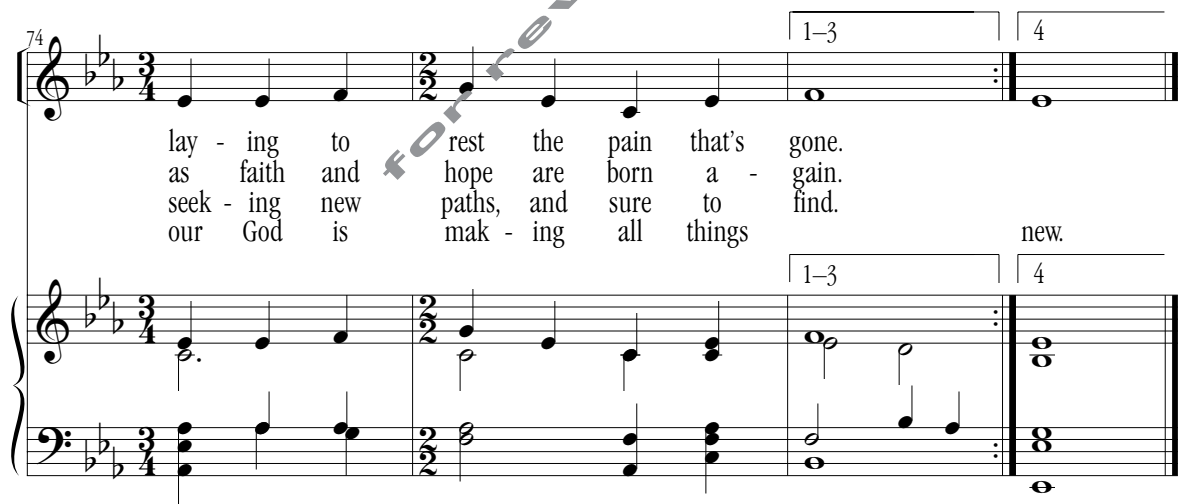
time to re - mem - ber and move on,
 love's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
 step from the past and leave be - hind do.
 to show and share what love can do.

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time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
 can make for us a world of dif - ference,
 our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
 This is a day of new be - gin - nings;

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lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.