

## Hymn

Jesus, Lord of love, you claim us

- 1 Jesus, Lord of love, you claim us  
as your friends who, day by day,  
live to demonstrate God's goodness  
in the things we do and say.  
As we follow your commandment,  
bound by love that sets us free  
lead us on faith's great adventure,  
fill us with expectancy.
- 2 When we worship with your people,  
still responding to your word,  
as we offer prayers and praises,  
your repeated call is heard.  
Through the local church you guide us,  
fellow members help us see  
ways in which to take upon us  
faith's responsibility.
- 3 Time and time again you claim us,  
sometimes take us by surprise,  
when you call on us to shoulder  
some unlooked for enterprise.  
So, at home in church or workplace  
help us serve you faithfully,  
sharing sacrifice and triumph,  
filled with love's integrity.
- 4 We are glad that you have called us  
your own friends with work to do,  
chosen to fulfil your purpose,  
our love proving your love true.  
As we celebrate your guidance  
through our past and future days,  
fill us with love's joy, creating  
sheer delight and endless praise.

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