

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

Hymnal 1982 no. 323, Melody: Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt

Words from AMNS

Josiah Conder
(1789-1855)

Melody by Paul Heinlein
(1626-1686)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is based on the tune 'Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt' by Paul Heinlein. The lyrics are from the AMNS (American Methodist New Song) collection. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Bread of heav'n, on thee we feed, for thy flesh is meat indeed;
2. Vine of heav'n, thy blood sup-plies this blest cup of sac - ri - fice;

ev - er may our souls be fed with this true and liv - ing bread;
Lord, thy wounds our heal-ing give, to thy Cross we look and live:

day by day with strength sup-plied through the life of him who died.
Je - sus, may we ev - er be graft - ed, root - ed, built in thee.