

## Will We Welcome The Holy Stranger?

“And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you....? Mt. 25:38

The refugees who flee their homes,  
and those whose home's the street,  
ask us for water, clothes and bread,  
and smiles each time we meet.

*Refrain (after verses 1 & 5)*

**Will we welcome the Holy Stranger  
who is among us in daily living,  
and see in our needy neighbors  
the Christ who welcomes us?**

When sickness touches those we love  
in silent, fearful guise,  
depleting hope and sustenance,  
Lord, dry their tearful eyes.

For those imprisoned for just cause,  
and those unfairly there,  
we offer prayers and visiting,  
expressions of Christ's care.

For Christ the righteous Judge will come  
to weigh the faith we claim  
by standards known throughout the world—  
neglected to our shame.

Grant grace to see you, Risen One--  
who died to take our place--  
among the needy of the world,  
and in our neighbor's face.

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(cf. tune in UMH p.714 “I Know Whom I Have Believed”)

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