

# The Salt of the Earth

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Matthew 5-7 Adagio

Chords: D, A2, A, Bm7, A

Chords: G, A, Bm, A, G2, G, A

Chords: D, A, Bm, G, D, Bm7, G, A7, D

Descant

Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name;  
Hear, while we gather as the salt of the earth,  
Seeking Thy mercy above the world's acclaim;  
Gleaning the messages preserved in Thy word.

Help us as we strive to be this dark world's light,  
To seek Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness;  
To hold Thy truth firm against the blackest night!  
For those in persecution Thou shalt bless.

As we t'ward Thy kingdom stumble, faint and weak,  
Guide us to build our house upon that great rock!  
We shall be given the land if we are meek,  
And if we lean on Thee to shepherd Thy flock.

Oh Yahweh, direct us, we Thy chosen sons,  
Guide us and bless us 'till our master descends,  
Gath'ring his bride from the righteous, faithful ones!  
Showing Thy glory to the earth's widest ends.

*Suggestions: for dynamics, follow the theme of the lyrics - i.e., soft for lines with 'hallowed', 'mercy', etc., and stronger for lines with 'firm', 'great rock', etc. For phrasing, breathe at the end of each line of each verse. For verse 3, insert a full stop after 'stumble', and sing 'faint & weak' very slowly and softly. Crescendo through line 2, and then decrescendo through line 3, up to 'meek'. For the 4<sup>th</sup> verse, an optional soprano descant may be added.*