#584 The Church of Christ in Every Age

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traditional Essex

melody;

adapted and arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872 - 1958

1) The Church of Christ in e-v’ry age,
2) Across the world, across the street,

Be set by change, but Spirit led,
The victims of injustice cry

Must claim and test its heritage,
For shelter, and for bread to eat,

And keep on rising from the dead.
And never live until they die.
3) Then let the servant church arise,
4) For He alone, whose blood was shed,
5) We have no mission, but to serve

A caring church that longs to be
Can cure the fever in our blood,
In full obedience to our Lord:

A partner in Christ’s sacrifice,
And teach us how to share our bread,
To care for all, without reserve,

And clothed in Christ’s humanity.
And feed the starving multitude.
And spread His liberating word.