

Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults

BANGOR. C.M.
Tans'ur, "Harmony of Zion"
[cf. Note below]

1. Lord, we con - fess our nu - m'rous faults, How great our guilt has been :

10 Fool - ish and vain were all our thoughts, And all our lives were sin. A - men.

2. But, O my soul, forever praise,
Forever love His name,
Who turns thy feet from dangerous ways
Of folly, sin, and shame.
3. 'Tis not by works of righteousness
Which our own hands have done;
But we are saved by sovereign grace
Abounding through His Son
4. 'Tis from the mercy of our God
That all our hope begin:
'Tis by the water and the blood
Our souls are washed from sin
5. 'Tis through the purchase of his death
Who hung upon the tree,
The Spirit is sent down to breathe
On such dry bones as we.
6. Raised from the dead we live anew
And justified by grace,
We shall appear in glory too,
And see our Father's face.

--Isaac Watts (1674 - 1748) 1706

NOTE: Although one source attributes this tune to the XVIIIth century English organist Maurice Greene (1696 - 755), which is plausible because Greene almost certainly would have been acquainted with the William Tans'ur, editor of "Harmony of Zion, 1734", the collection in which it first appears. However, the tune apparently lacks attribution in the source, and Tans'ur appears to generally be assumed to have been the composer.