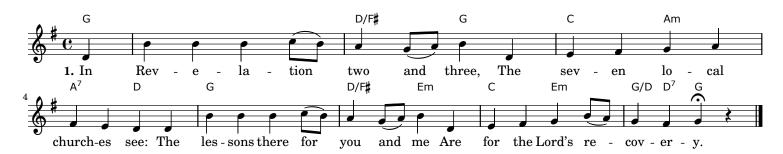
## The Church — Her Course



- 2. The words to them are words to us, So that the church be glorious, And all their warnings we must heed So that the Lord can meet His need.
- 3. To Ephesus, the word is clear:
  "To your first love you're not so near;
  You've left to work so far away;
  Repent, return to Him today."
- 4. Thus, we must all turn back to Him, Leave other loves, for these are sin. Oh, let us hearken to His call— If we miss this, we've missed it all!
- **5.** Then unto Smyrna, suffering, sore—
  "You have been tried, but something more—
  Be faithful unto death," we're told
  (Not just of body but of soul).
- **6.** Be faithful 'til what's natural dies; Your circumstances don't despise; The Lord has sent them all to you To prove that your first love is true.
- 7. From Pergamos we clearly see
  The world has wed Christianity!
  And faithful Antipas did fall—
  He dared to stand against it all.
- 8. To wed the world we all must fear:

  His spoken word will save us here—
  If to His speaking we give heed,
  We'll separated be indeed.
- 9. Then Thyatira comes at length: Her mixture with the world her strength. Fine flour leavened by the yeast, A harlot riding on a beast.

- 10. Lord, we are mixed but hardly know; To us this mixture fully show. Each added thing we will refute Until we're wholly absolute.
- 11. And then from Sardis, we can know Life is the way that we must go! She says she's living, but she's dead; She needs to touch the Lord instead.
- 12. Lord, take us all the way to life To overcome the deadness rife. Away from deadness we would flee That full of life we'll always be.
- 13. Now Philadelphia comes at last;
  That which she has she should hold fast
  The brothers' love, the name, the word;
  This church has satisfied the Lord.
- **14.** We as the brothers all are one; We're one by life, and life alone. If we His word and name do keep A glorious building God will reap.
- **15.** Laodicea warns us all:
  From Philadelphia some will fall.
  By saying, "I am rich," it's then
  The Lord is outside wanting in.
- 16. Lukewarmness we must ever spurn And in the spirit always burn, The inward life experience gain, And pay the price with Him to reign.
- 17. Lord, shine Your light on us today
  That we may fully go Your way;
  Anoint our eyes and let us see
  So You can have recovery.