

The churches are the Body

The Church — Her Local Expression

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1. The church - es are the Bod - y Of Christ on earth to -
 day. They are His test - i - mon - y, That He may have a
 way. They are the gold - en lamp - stands In ci - ties far and
 wide. They are His fight - ing arm - y, And His be - lov - ed
 Bride. **Chorus** (C) The church - es, the church - es, Up - on the earth to -
 day; Lord, stir our hearts for Thy de - sire, And build us, oh, build us, Lord, we pray.

2. Oh, how we need the churches,
 All of them, great or small!
 We need their many portions
 To profit us withal.
 Yes, Lord, enlarge the churches;
 We love their needs to bear.
 Enlarge our hearts, Lord Jesus,
 In fellowship and prayer.

3. The Lord's eyes o'er the whole earth
 Are running to and fro;
 Those seven, burning, searching,
 Our heart's desire to know.
 His purpose—many churches,
 Built up in one accord;
 This golden testimony
 Will thus express the Lord.

4. And soon will be the coming
 Of our triumphant King!
 He's coming for the churches
 Where His sweet praises ring.
 Come, Lord, come reap the firstfruits,
 As draws the harvest nigh,
 And to Thy throne do take us,
 To reign with Thee on high.