

# Now is the Time

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Piano introduction in D major, 4/4 time. The melody is in the right hand, and the accompaniment is in the left hand. The piece begins with a series of chords and a melodic line that leads into the first verse.

## Verses

7 Dm G Am C Fmaj7/A Dm/F

Christ, whose rec - on - cil - ing deed Was suf - fer - ing and  
 When we find your peo - ple cursed And crushed be - neath our  
 When in - just - ice cru - ci - fies And bi - as chokes our  
 Christ, whose re - con - cil - ing deed Was suf - fer - ing and

Piano accompaniment for the first verse, corresponding to the chords and melody above. It features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

11 G/D Dm F Fmaj7 F G/F F F/E

dy - ing, When your peo - ple hurt and bleed, Send  
 liv - ing, Change our thoughts and ac - tions first, Then  
 breath - ing, Brand our lips to pro - phe - sy, And  
 dy - ing, In your new life we are freed To

Piano accompaniment for the second verse, corresponding to the chords and melody above. It continues the musical style of the first verse.

15 Dm G Am7 G Em7 D **Refrain** D Am

us to share their cry - ing.  
 help us seek for - giv - ing.  
 hold us in our griev - ing.  
 keep on u - ni - fy - ing.

Give us faith to trust the

20 C/G D/A Em Bm7

righ-teous-ness you give- To feel our shame and fear, yet build a

24 C Asus D Am7

church where all will live. Trust-ing in your pres-ence, a -

28 C G F C Am7 G Em7

wait-ing your sur - prise, Now is the time for your peo-ple to a -

33 D Em7/D D F/A C/D G Am7/C D

rise.

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