

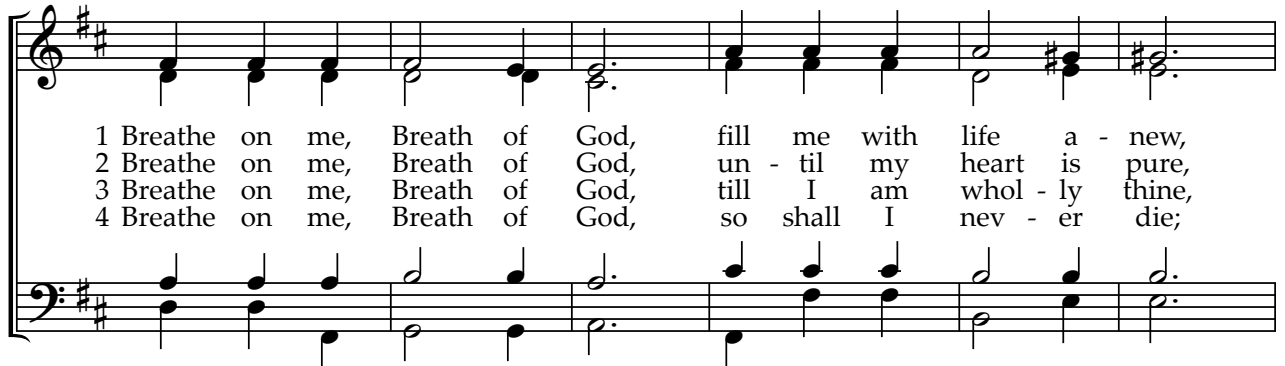
Original descant composed for the Ordination of Vern Barber (1936-2016) on  
30 May 2009 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hudson, Wisconsin

## Breathe on me, Breath of God

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)

Music: NOVA VITA (S.M.), 1914  
by Lister R. Peace (1885-1969), *alt.*  
Descants by Charles H. Giffen (b. 1940),  
*original 2009, revised & expanded 2023*

♩ = c. 76



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

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