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You are our God and we are your peo - ple,
 old. You are our God, we your peo - ple.

C D^b Fm/C E^b/B^b E^bsub E^b A^b Cm7

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Write your law up - on our hearts. hearts.
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D^b Fm⁷ Gsus G C5 C To Verses Final C5

For Shannon and all the Cerekas

GOD OF THE COVENANTS

Two-Part Choir, Cantor, Assembly, 2 C Instruments, Guitar, Keyboard

Orin Johnson

INTRODUCTION

With motion $\text{♩} = c. 58$

2 C Instruments

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2 C Insts.

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Composer's notes: This piece is meant to be used as a Lenten gathering hymn. Verses for each of the main celebrations of Lent are crafted from the scripture appointed for the day, paying special attention to the Old Testament passages that detail the many covenants made with God's chosen people. These are most prevalent in Year B, but appear in every Lenten season. The music echoes these covenants by borrowing from Jewish harmony, melody, and rhythm. Participation is assisted by repetition in both refrain and verses. The assembly is thus able to enter into an often-overlooked aspect of the Lenten season, preparation to pray over and participate in the "new and everlasting covenant"—a covenant of love and sacrifice manifested by Christ in his last supper, his death on the cross, and his rising to new life. Singing both the verse prescribed for the specific celebration and the final verse each time the hymn is sung will help reinforce the connection with God's many attempts to forge covenants with us from the beginning of creation until now.

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REFRAIN

9 *2 C Instr.*

Cantor/Assembly
clean heart cre - ate for me, O God,

Choir
A clean heart cre - ate for me, O

C B^bm/G C B^bm/G

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God of the cov - e - nants of old.

God, God of the cov - e - nants of

C B^bm/G C B^bm/G