Lord of All Good

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.

2 We give our minds to understand your ways;
hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;
heart with the flame of your own love ablaze,
till for your glory all our powers combine.

3 Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows;
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words “gifts” and “give” in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn’s final line. The text is set to a shortened form of a widely used Genevan tune.

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