Zaccheus Was a Tax Man

1. Zac - chae - us was a tax man who one day climbed a tree,
   for he was short in stature and said he could not see.
   And yet he had a problem that mattered even more:
   he did n't see the suffering his greed had caused the poor.

2. O Lord, you saw Zac - chae - us, so wealth - y, yet a - lone.
   You said, "Come down, and hurry! I'm coming to your home."
   For you broke bread with sinners and saw within each one
   a person loved and treasured, God's daughter or God's son.

3. It was - n't just the tree - top that helped Zac - chae - us see;
   your love and welcome showed him how different life could be.
   He said that he'd start over and work to make things fair;
   he'd speak the truth, bring justice, and find new ways to share.

4. O Christ, you bid us wel - come and help us all to see.
   May we respond by build - ing a just so ci - e - ty.
   Then children won't be hungry and all will share your bread.
   Those who now must struggle will live in joy instead.

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