



SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ Who died for me.
How He left His home in glory for the cross of Calvary.

Chorus:

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ Who died for me.
Sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost, but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray,
Threw His loving arms around me, drew me back into His way.

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Go forth in joy to love and serve the Lord in all that you do.

We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

May the God of peace, who raised to life the Great Shepherd of the
sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

—based on Hebrews 13:20-21

A thought about worship...

“Worship is the constant celebration of the Easter event. It is in worship that resurrection spirituality is learned and experienced. . . . Worship is a symbolization whereby we proclaim (yes, words are used), sing (no explanation needed), and enact (yes, dramatize) the original event that forms and shapes us into the pattern of his death and resurrection.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time: Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004], 151).



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community
Liturgy

April 25, 2010 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

GATHERING

Let it Rise

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the praises of the King rise among us;
Let it rise.

Oh, let it rise; Oh, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the joy of the King rise among us;
Let it rise.

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Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

Come before Him with joyful singing.

Know that the Lord Himself is God;

It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves.

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

For the Lord is good;

His lovingkindness is everlasting

And His faithfulness to all generations.

– Psalm 100



THE WORD

John 10:22-30

THE TABLE

Blessing – Remembering – Taking – Reflecting

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Our Father, Who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be Thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
 On earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread
 And forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors,
 And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 Forever. Amen

We Behold You (Fraction Anthem)

With all of the saints and angels,
 We gather before You.
 Our hearts filled with thankfulness,
 We lift up Your holy Name.
 With all who have gone before us,
 We feast at Your table.
 We eat of Your body and
 Drink of Your holy blood.

And we behold You, and we behold You
 Lamb of God, slain for our sins.
 (Repeat)

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Holy is the Lord God Almighty

Bridge

It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
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Pre-chorus

And together we sing; Ev'ryone sing:

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
 The earth is filled with His glory.
 Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
 The earth is filled with His glory.
 Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
 The earth is filled with His glory.

Versé

We stand and lift up our hands,
 For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
 We bow down and worship Him now;
 How great, how awesome is He.

Pre-chorus

And together we sing; Ev'ryone sing:

Chorus

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Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise
 Testimonies of the Lord's faithfulness

INVOCATION



Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat.
(Repeat)

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything, and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power
Be to You, the only wise King.

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TIME OF OFFERING

Sovereign Lord and loving Shepherd, through Your goodness and mercies You have blessed us with all we have, and all we are. With gratitude we willingly give back to You what is Yours. As covenant people, the sheep of Your pasture, we lift our lives up to You. You are our everything, and we will adore You.

Revelation Song (reprise)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything, and I will adore You.

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Holy is the Lord God Almighty

And together we sing; Ev'ryone sing:

Holy is the Lord God Almighty. ...

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Jesus said,

I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

John 10:11, 14-15, 27-28

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;

He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You have anointed my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me

all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23



My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

My Shepherd will supply my need:
Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed,
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back
When I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death
His presence is my stay;
One word of His supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
His hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows,
His oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be my abode,
And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest,
But like a child at home.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

O Lord, our Shepherd, You tenderly gather us as lambs, carrying us
with Your all-embracing love. Yet, like sheep, we tend to wander from
You, following our own ways, ignoring Your voice, distrustful of
provisions. Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our
lack of trust. Refresh us anew by Your quiet waters of mercy and
restore our souls by Your redeeming love. Guide our paths, that we
may follow You more closely. Through Jesus Christ, the Good
Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

The Good Shepherd, Daniel Bonnell,
Contemporary

