



SENDING FORTH
The Life of the Body

If You Say Go

If You say go we will go,
If You say wait we will wait.
If You say step out on the water,
And they say it can't be done,
We'll fix our eyes on You and we will come.
Your ways are higher than our ways,
And the plans that You have laid are good and true.
If You call us to the fire
You will not withdraw Your hand;
We'll gaze into the flames and look for You.

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Praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through
the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
**Christus Victor has triumphed! We have been raised with Him,
and we live by faith in Him.**
Go forth in faith and hope, to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

– from 1 Peter 1:3 and Colossians 3:1

A thought about worship...

“Sunday . . . is the eighth day, the day when God both rests from his work of
creation and the day we celebrate the new beginning God gives the creation as it
moves toward its final moment of redemption in the second coming. So Sunday
is the day to not only pause to remember but to actually proclaim and enact
God’s mighty deeds of salvation to the glory of God. For through this day all
time and all history is given meaning.” (Robert E. Webber, *Ancient-Future Time:
Forming Spirituality through the Christian Year* [Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2004],
180).



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community
Liturgy

August 8, 2010 (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

GATHERING

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!
For praise from the upright is beautiful.
**Sing to Him a new song;
Shout for joy, for the word of the Lord is right and true.
The earth is full of His lovingkindness.**
Blessed are those whose God is the Lord,
the people He has chosen for His own inheritance.
**The Lord looks from heaven;
He sees all the children of men.**
Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him,
On those who hope in His lovingkindness.
**We wait in hope for the Lord;
He is our help and our shield.
In Him our hearts are glad,
Because we trust in His holy name.**
**Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
Just as we hope in You.**

– from Psalm 33



God Shows Abraham the Stars, Julius Schnoor



The Solid Rock

Verse 1
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus:
On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

Verse 2
When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.

Verse 3
His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood,
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Verse 4
When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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Made Me Glad

I will bless the Lord forever,
I will trust Him at all times.
He has delivered me from all fear,
He has set my feet upon a rock.
I will not be moved,
And I'll say of the Lord –

Chorus:
You are my Shield, my Strength,
My portion, Deliverer,
My Shelter, Strong Tower,
My very present Help in time of need.

Verse 2:
Whom have I in heaven but You?
There's none I desire beside You.
And You have made me glad,
I'll say of the Lord –

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INVOCATION

Spontaneous prayers of welcome and praise

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Because We Believe
Readings from Hebrews 11:1-16

Reading: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By it, the ancients gained approval from God. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made of things which are visible.

Verse 1:

We believe in God the Father; we believe in Christ the Son;
We believe in the Holy Spirit; we are the church and we stand as one.



THE WORD

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
 Genesis 15:1-6
 Luke 12:32-40



Awaken Me, Luke 12:32, Mark
 Lawrence, Contemporary

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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
 Look full in His wonderful face.
 And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
 In the light of His glory and grace.

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Chorus:

Holy, holy, holy is our God.
 Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King.
 All glory and honor are His to receive.
 To Jesus we sing, because we believe.

Reading: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. For he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Verse 2:

We believe in the Holy Bible; We believe in the virgin birth;
 We believe in the resurrection;
 That Christ one day will return to earth.

Chorus

Reading: Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Jacob all died in faith, without receiving the promises. But having seen them, they believed and welcomed them from a distance. ... Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

Verse 3:

We believe in the blood of Jesus; we believe in eternal life;
 We believe in the blood that frees us to become the Bride of Christ.

Chorus

Reading: Without faith it is impossible to please God, for those who come to Him must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Chorus

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READING: Luke 12:32-40

TIME OF OFFERING

I Will Listen

Hard as it seems, standing in dreams,
Where is the dreamer now?
Wonder if I wanted to try,
Would I remember how?
I don't know the way to go from here,
But I know that I have made my choice.
And this is where I stand until He moves me on,
And I will listen to His voice.

This is the faith, patience to wait,
When there is nothing clear;
Nothing to see, still we believe
Jesus is very near.

I cannot imagine what will come,
But I've already made my choice.
And this is where I stand until He moves me on,
And I will listen to His voice.

Could it be that He is only waiting there to see
If I will learn to love the dreams
That He has dreamed for me?

Can't imagine what the future holds,
But I've already made my choice.
And this is where I stand until He moves me on,
And I will listen to His voice.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We do not always
love you with a pure heart. We do not always love our neighbor as
ourselves. We do not always do justice and love kindness. We desire
to walk humbly with You, in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our savior.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. Cleanse us
from our sin, that we may be holy and blameless before You.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire.
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm and changeless be,
A living fire.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the word of the Lord from Isaiah 1:18:
"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord.
"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they be red as crimson, they shall be as wool."
—Isaiah 1:18