

# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*Festival Voluntary*

Flor Peeters

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God brings us together to think the thoughts of Christ.

**God sends us out to do the deeds of Christ.**

Let all that we do today in this time of worship renew us in our faith, hope and love.

**We join our hearts, hands and voices to proclaim our love for Christ.**

Come, let us meet our Lord...hearing his challenge, making our confession, responding to his commission.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, who in Jesus Christ turned the defeat of Good Friday into the victory of Easter, bringing dawn out of darkness and life out of death, make us faithful witnesses to the life-giving power of your cross-bearing love. Keep in our minds the marvelous promise of our Risen Lord that we would do even greater works than he. And send us forth, with hope renewed, love rekindled...to labor in the vineyard of the Lord. Amen.**

HYMN 821

*My Life Flows On*

(see end of bulletin)

## ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own; that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Psalm 23 (sung)

*Shepherd Me, O God*

(see end of bulletin)

(verses: soloist, refrain: congregation)

SECOND READING

John 21.15-19

*When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

REFLECTION

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

*O, Lovely Peace*

George Frederic Handel

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third**

**day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 us 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.**

MOMENT OF SELF OFFERING

DOXOLOGY 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

(see end of bulletin)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN 765

*May the God of Hope Go With Us* (sing twice)

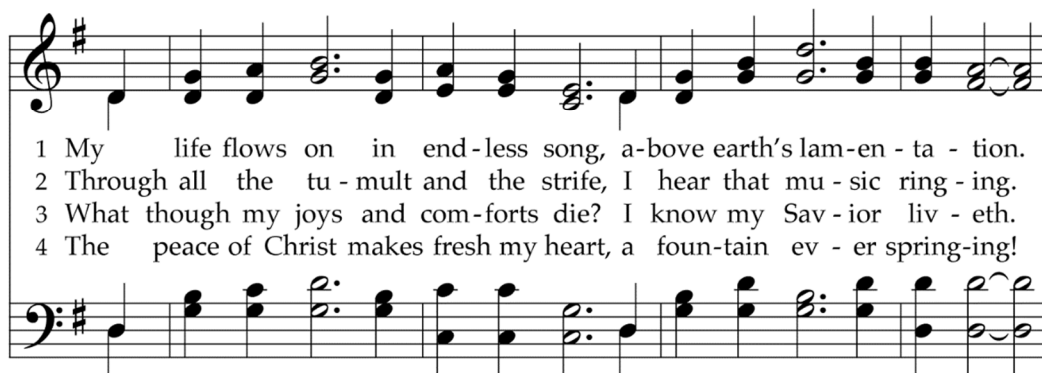
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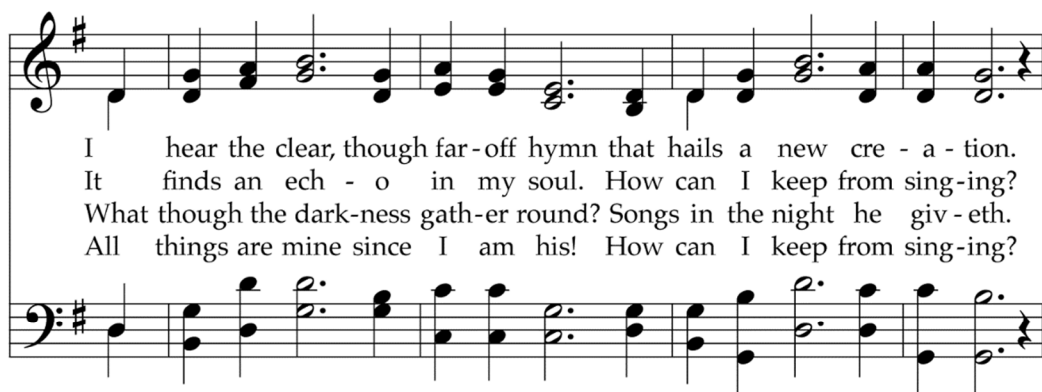
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# My Life Flows On

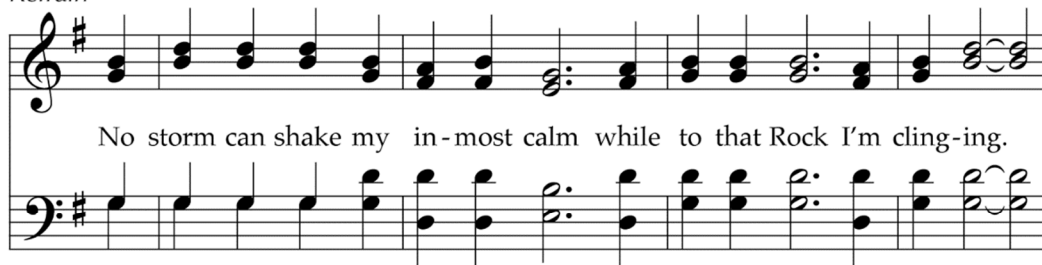
## How Can I Keep from Singing?



1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*


No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

# Shepherd Me, O God

# 473

(Psalm 23)

Capo 1: (Em) (C) (G) (D)  
Refrain Fm D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

(Bm7) (C) (Am7) (Bm7) (Em)  
Cm7 D<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m7 Cm7 Fm

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

# 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures  
here be-low; praise \*him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

\*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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# May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

## Song of Hope / *Canto de esperanza*



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our  
*¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en*



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us  
*cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -*



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.  
*nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.*



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;  
*O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.*



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.  
*Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.*

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.