SUNDAY EVENING

Vespers

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Lord's Day Vespers

EVENING WORSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.

EVENING VESPER MEDITATION

Almighty God, we give You thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of vesper light; and we implore You in Your great mercy that, as You enfold us with the radiance of Your light, You would shine into our hearts the brightness of Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by Your brightness we may know You to be the true God and Eternal Light, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude

Call to Worship

1 John 1:5, 7

The day fades away and the shadows of the evening stretch forth. Yet this is the message which we have heard from Him, and proclaim to you, that God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Hymn

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood *(see page 6)*

Responsive Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

Minister: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Minister: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

Minister: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

People: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Minister: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

People: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

Minister: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

People: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and his testimonies.

Hymn

Before the Throne of God Above *(see pages 7)*

Congregational Prayer of Confession

Book of Common Prayer (1552)

Minister: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us.

People: We earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.

Minister: The remembrance of them is grievous to us, the burden of them is intolerable.

People: Have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake.

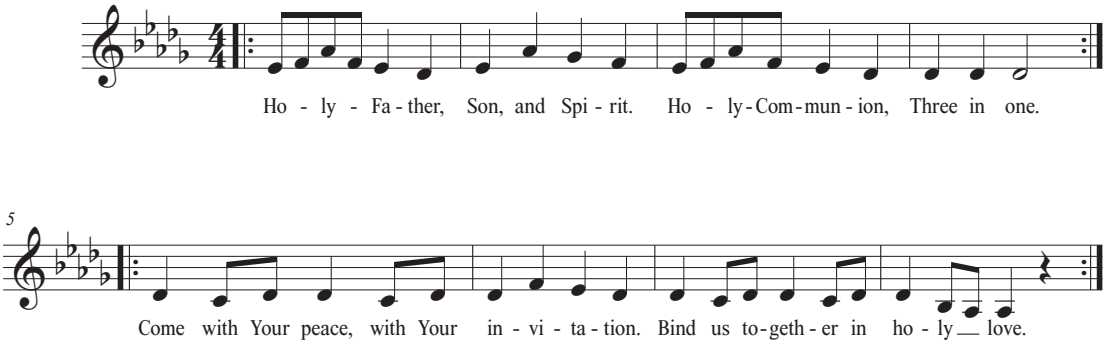
Minister: Forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever from now on serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your Name,

People: through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Evening Prayer

Prayer Response

Trinity Song



After singing each line twice, both lines are sung simultaneously.
At "Trinity Song," children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Evening Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 7:1-10

For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. 3 He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever. 4 See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils! 5 And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham. 6 But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. 7 It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. 8 In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. 9 One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, 10 for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

Homily

THERE IS SOMEONE GREATER THAN ABRAHAM! Mr. Howell

Hebrews 7:1-10

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A sermon outline can be found on page 10.

Prayer

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to and the Fencing of the Table

Participation requires your reverence and attention, discernment of the Lord's Body, a clear understanding of the meaning of the Lord's Supper, meditation on Christ's suffering and death, self-judgment, sorrow for sin, desire for Christ, feeding on Him in faith, trusting in Him, rejoicing in His love, giving thanks for His grace, renewal of your covenant with God and commitment to Christ, and your special love to all Christians.

Hymn of Preparation

Come to Jesus (Rest in Him) *(see page 8)*

Confession of Our Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from Heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into Heaven; and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Ghost; the Lord and Giver of life; Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

Words of Institution

Serving of the Meal

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn *He Will Hold Me Fast* *(see page 9)*

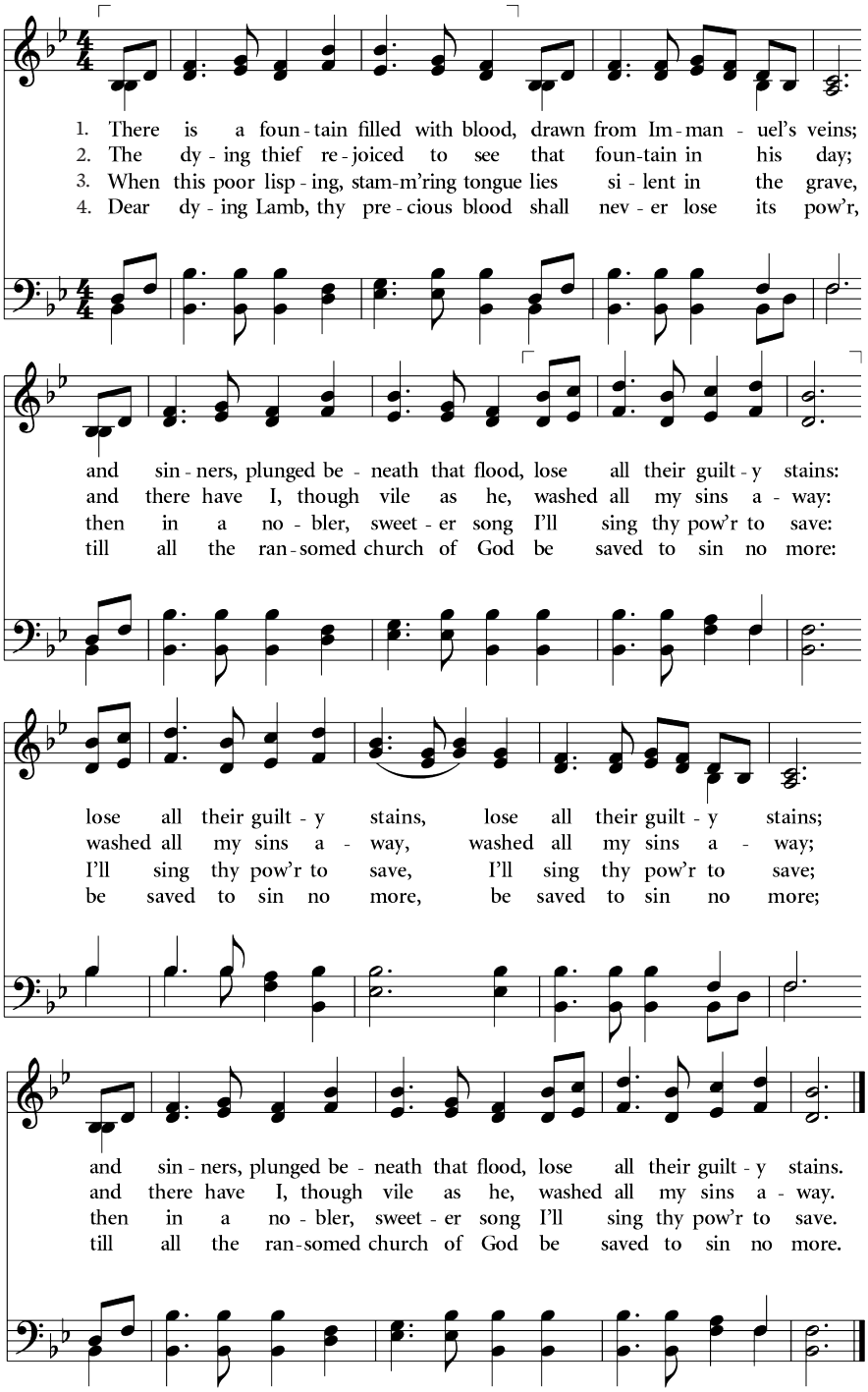
Benediction

Congregational Response *He Will Hold Me Fast*

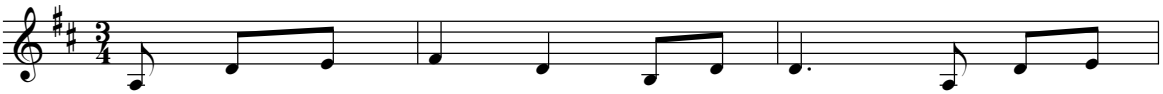
He will fold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Postlude

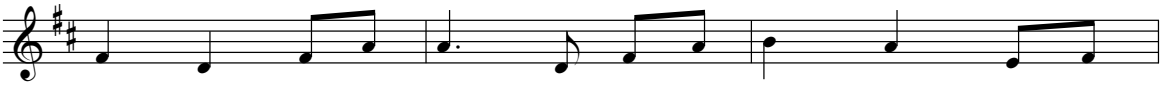
There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood



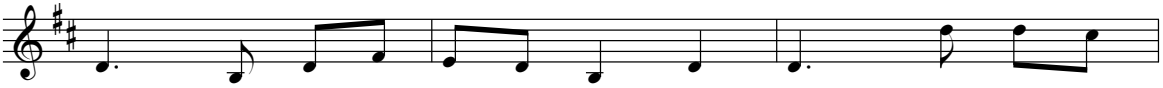
Before The Throne Of God Above



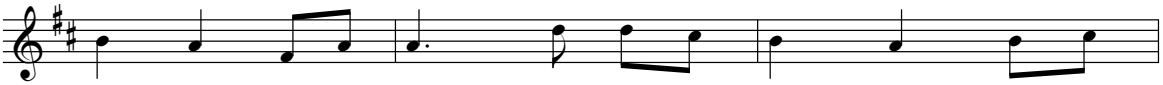
1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair And tells me
3. Be - hold Him there the ris - en Lamb, My per - fect



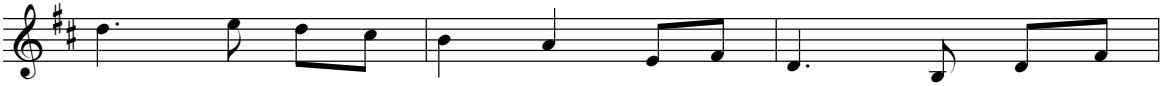
strong and per - fect plea. A great high Priest whose Name is
of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look and see Him
spot - less right-eous - ness, The great un - change - a - ble I



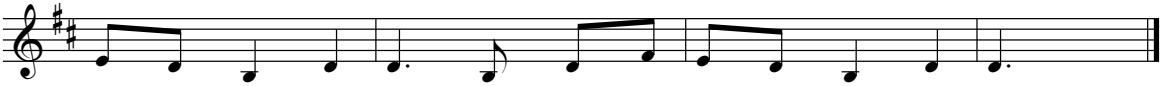
Love Who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
there Who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the
AM, The King of glo - ry and of grace, One with Him -



grav - en on His hands, My name is writ - ten on His
sin - less Sav - ior died My sin - ful soul is count - ed
self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by His

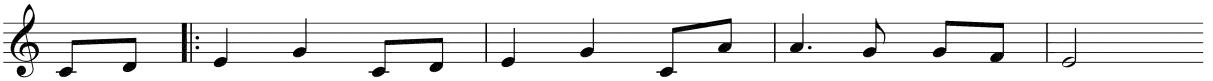


heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can
free. For God the just is sat - is - fied To look on
blood, My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my

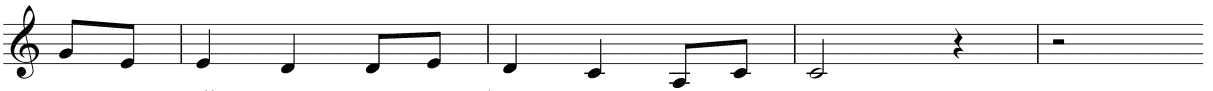


bid me thence de - part. No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me. To look on Him and par - don me.
Sav - ior and my God! With Christ my Sav - ior and my God!

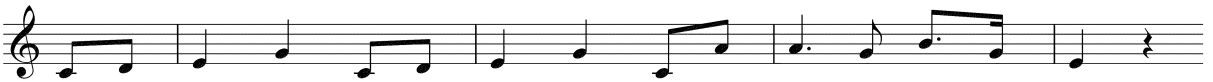
Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)



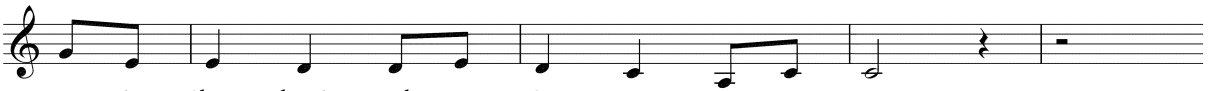
1. Are you wear - y, heav - y la - den? Come and lay your bur - dens down;
(2. Are you) hope - less, are you guilt - y? Caught in shame for all your sin?
(3. Are you) wait - ing in your sor - rows For this bro - ken world to heal?



Je - sus calls you, Je - sus draws you; rest in Him.
He pur - sues you to for - give you; rest in Him.
He is com - ing, soon re - turn - ing; rest in Him.



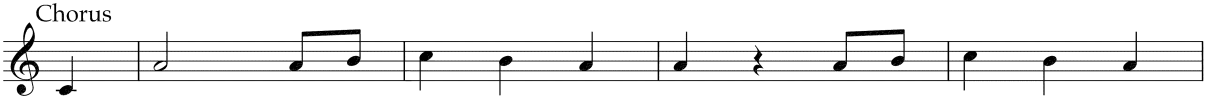
He is gen - tle, He is low - ly, He de - lights to bring us peace;
He has paid for ev - 'ry fail - ure, Mer - cy flows in end - less streams;
We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace re - vealed;



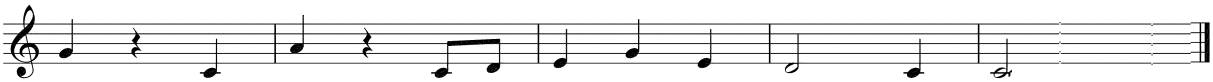
Ten - der Shep - herd, might - y Sa - vior: rest in Him.
Come and fol - low, free - dom calls you: rest in Him.
3a. From his kind - ness ev - 'ry prom - ise then ful - filled;
3b. Trust in Je - sus, He will keep us to the end.

3rd verse, add line 3b before going to chorus

Chorus



How sure his com - pas - sion for us! Oh how deep is his

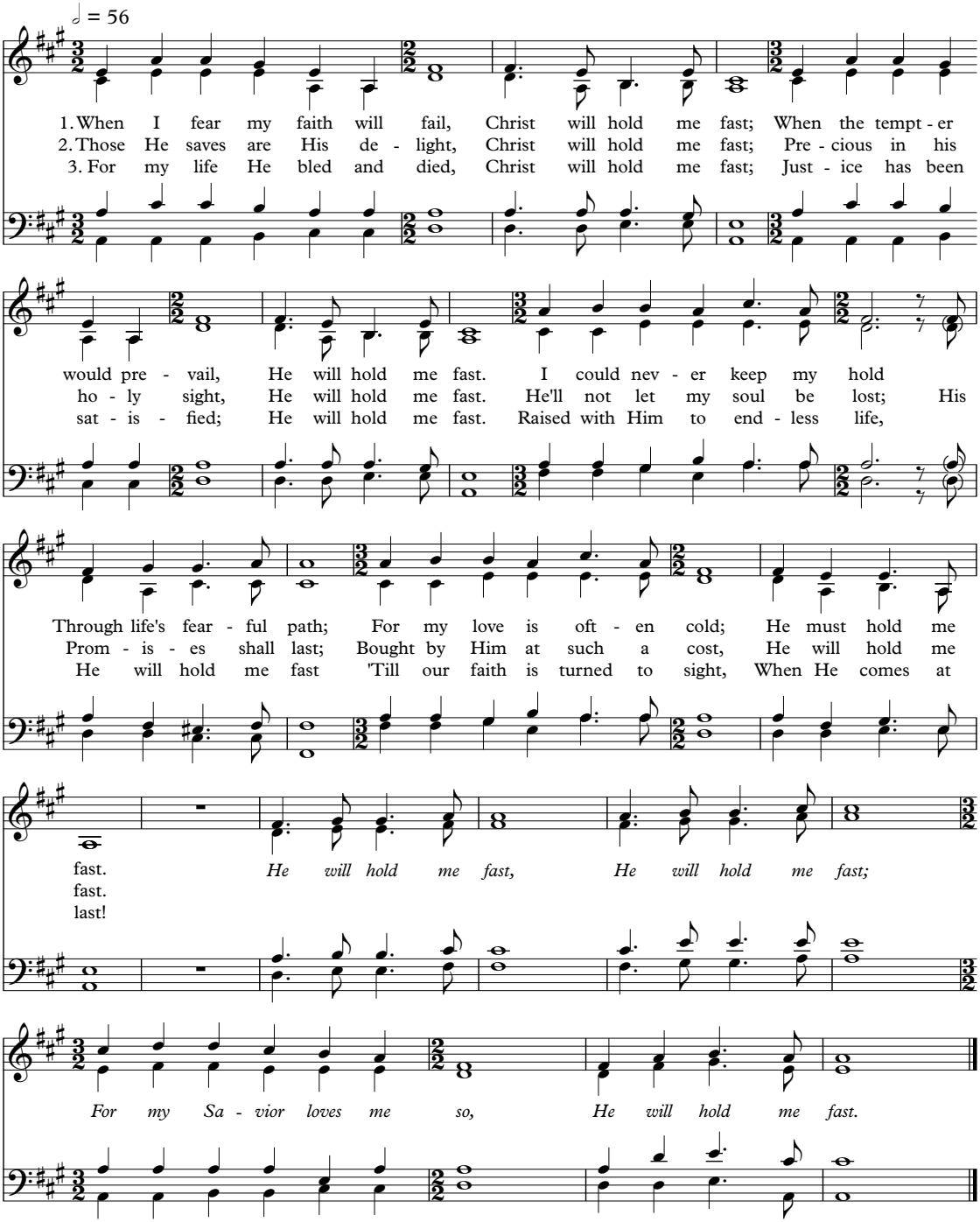


love; So come, come to Je - sus and rest in Him.

He Will Hold Me Fast

Words: Verses 1-2, Ada Habershon (1861-1918); Verse 3, Matt Merker

Music: Matt Merker



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THERE IS SOMEONE GREATER THAN ABRAHAM!

Hebrews 7:1-10

1. Reviewing the Record: vv. 1-2a

2. Explaining His Name: v. 2b

3. What Is Not Said: v. 3

4. Someone Greater Than Abraham: vv. 4-10

Making a Joyful Noise

Devotional Thoughts on Congregational Singing

Let God speak directly to His people through the Scriptures,
and let His people respond with grateful songs of praise.
–Martin Luther

Compelled to Sing

We are created to sing and, because of the gospel of the Lord Jesus, compelled to sing. Compelled is a strong and convicting word. In the letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes "For Christ's love compels us" (2 Cor. 5:14-15). Our motivation to sing comes from so much more than ourselves – our likes, our comfort levels, our musical tastes and preferences. Intrinsically, it's driven by the One Who died and was raised. It is driven by a heartfelt desire to convey gospel truth to those of us who already know it and need to be refreshed and renewed by it, and to communicate it to those who don't yet know, but who might be drawn to Christ through seeing and hearing people who clearly mean it because of the way that they sing about it.

Praise is prompted by – compelled by - the revelation of something glorious. The gospel is the revelation of the most glorious truth in history. Jesus came so that we might know Him, the truth, for "the truth will set you free" (John 8:32). We were slaves to sin, but Christ died for our sins and rose to give us new life (John 8:36; Rom 5:8). The gospel is a declaration of eternal freedom. It is a revelation that compels us to respond, and part of our response will be to sing.

Christ has broken every chain of sin that was tied around us and that we couldn't even see until He opened our eyes to see them. And we were not just freed ***from*** something, we were freed ***for*** something – to glorify Him, to live the life God designed us to live, to know life in all its forever fullness. We sing because we are free to run from all that tore us apart and to run to all that makes us whole.

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