

Sunday, September 27th

Prelude: *Footsteps of Jesus* – Asa B. Everett

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus says, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

People: Christ is here.

Leader: Calling us to the water, beckoning us to the feast,

People: Christ is here.

Leader: Speaking to our souls, listening to our prayers,

People: Christ is here.

Leader: Binding us as one body, sending us out in service,

People: Christ is here.

Leader: Let us worship God together!

Hymn # 821 – My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing?)

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, You teach us to seek reconciliation with those who have wronged us; for, above all else, we are to love one another. But we let resentment smolder until anger flares, destroying any chance of peace. We blame others and refuse to repent. Grant us grace, we pray. Make space in our wounded hearts for the possibility of forgiveness, and teach us to turn toward others in love as you have turned toward us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

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Special Music: *O Lamb of God* – Twila Paris

Soloist: Melanie Sugg

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Exodus 12:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “Passover”

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.**

Hymn # 52 – When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land

*When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go; oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go!
Go down, (go down,) Moses, (Moses,) way down in Egypt's land; tell old Pharaoh: let my people go!*

*"Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said, "Let my people go! If not, I'll smite your firstborn dead. Let my people
go!" Go down, (go down,) Moses, (Moses,) way down in Egypt's land; tell old Pharaoh: let my people go!*

*"No more shall they in bondage toil: let my people go! Let them come out with Egypt's spoil: let my people go!"
Go down, (go down,) Moses, (Moses,) way down in Egypt's land; tell old Pharaoh: let my people go!*

*O let us all from bondage flee; let my people go! And let us all in Christ be free: let my people go! Go down, (go
down,) Moses, (Moses,) way down in Egypt's land; tell old Pharaoh: let my people go!*

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.**

Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response: Hymn #726 – Will You Come and Follow Me, verse 5

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be
the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.*

Postlude: *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* – Clay Campbell

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

821 My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

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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.

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land 52

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;
 2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo - ple go!
 3 "No more shall they in bond - age toil: let my peo - ple go!
 4 O let us all from bond - age flee; let my peo - ple go!

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go!
 If not, I'll smite your first - born dead. Let my peo - ple go!"
 Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil: let my peo - ple go!"
 And let us all in Christ be free: let my peo - ple go!

Refrain

Go down, (go down,) Mo - ses, (Mo - ses,) way down in E - gypt's

land; tell old Pha - raoh: let my peo - ple go!

Nothing in Hebrew Scripture resonated more deeply with the experience of African Americans in North America than Israel's slavery in Egypt. In this spiritual's recurring line, "Let my people go," past and present became one, as they still do for all who are oppressed.