

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 21, 2023



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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Prelude

Opening Song – “Everyone is a Child of God”

# EVERYONE IS A CHILD OF GOD

Larry Olson  
Hans Peterson

G D/F# Em Cadd9 G

We are wait - ing, we are  
You are good - ness, you are

D/F# Em Cadd9

watch - ing, we are hop - ing to see in the  
mer - cy, you are deep mys - ter - y. In the

G D/F# Em

dis - tance, in the dark - ness a light that sets us free.  
si - lence you have spo - ken a love that sets us free.

Cadd9 G D/F# Cadd9

To see ev' - ry - one, ev' - ry - one is a child of God.

D G D/F# Cadd9 3rd time to Coda

See ev' - ry - one, ev' - ry - one, is a child, a

D G 2. D/F# Em Cadd9 G

beau - ti - ful child of God. Set us free.

Em Cadd9 D D.S. al Coda

Set us free to see ev' - ry - one,

D G D/F# Em Cadd9 G

beau - ti - ful child of God.  
opt. vocal tag: We are wait - ing. We are watch - ing.

Welcome \* Welcome Pads \* Post it Notes

*Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Reader): Let us pray,

**(ALL): My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end.  
Nor do I really know myself,  
and the fact that I think that I am following your will  
does not mean that I am actually doing so.**

**But I believe that the desire to please you does, in fact, please you.  
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.  
And I know that if I do this you  
will lead me by the right road  
though I may know nothing about it.  
Therefore will I trust you always  
though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.  
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,  
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.**

— Thomas Merton,

Greet Someone New

*Music to Bring Us Back Together*

## Children's Time

### **Senior Celebration** – *(Hans: Introduce seniors on slides)*

Those who made the shawls will present the shawls to the parents.

Parents and Mentors, please place the prayer shawl over your senior's shoulders with these words:

**When you were little, we wrapped you in a blanket and our love. Today we do the same. Never forget who you are: a Child of God, a member of our family, a member of God's family, a member of River of Hope's family. May this blanket remind you that you belong to God and to the body of Christ.**

Parents blessing of their child(ren): Make the sign of the cross on their foreheads and say: You are a beloved child of God.

Seniors: **We thank God for your faithfulness and love. We thank you for giving us the gift of community, for introducing us to and raising us in a life of faith.**

Seniors bless their parents: Make the sign of the cross on their foreheads and say: You are a beloved child of God.

Congregation: **You belong to the body of Christ. You will always belong. You represented River of Hope during canoe trips and other Bible Camp experiences. And you represented our church during all of your other activities, in and out of school. Remember this promise from God especially as you begin this new time in your life. You are a Child of God. We love you.**

Special Music "Baby's will be Alright" by Hans Peterson

# THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with two readings. First, a reading from Acts chapter 1, verses 6-14.

(Reader): When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus,

**(Side 1): “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”**

(Reader): He replied,

**(Side 2): “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**

(Reader): When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said,

**(ALL): “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”**

(Reader): Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. Here ends the first reading. Our second reading is from the Gospel of John chapter 17 verses 1-11.

(Reader): After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said,

**(ALL): “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.**

(Reader): And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

(Reader): Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

**(ALL): Thanks be to God.**

Sermon – Pastor Andy Evenson

Song of the Day – “The Risen Christ”

# The Risen Christ



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet  
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,  
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand  
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark-ened cit - y street,  
 breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide  
 the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,  
 with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,  
 whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;  
 re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,  
 till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,

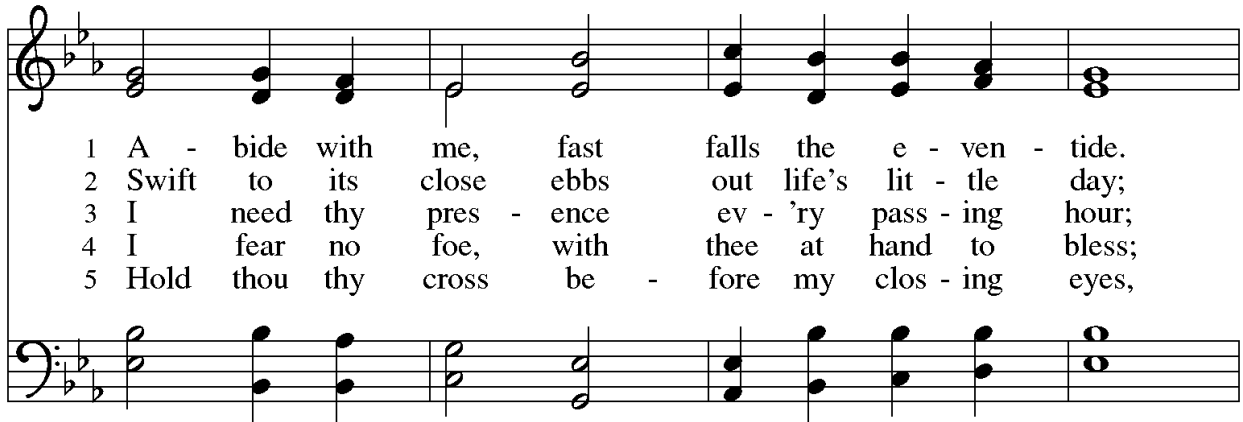


and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
 new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
 en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
 re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

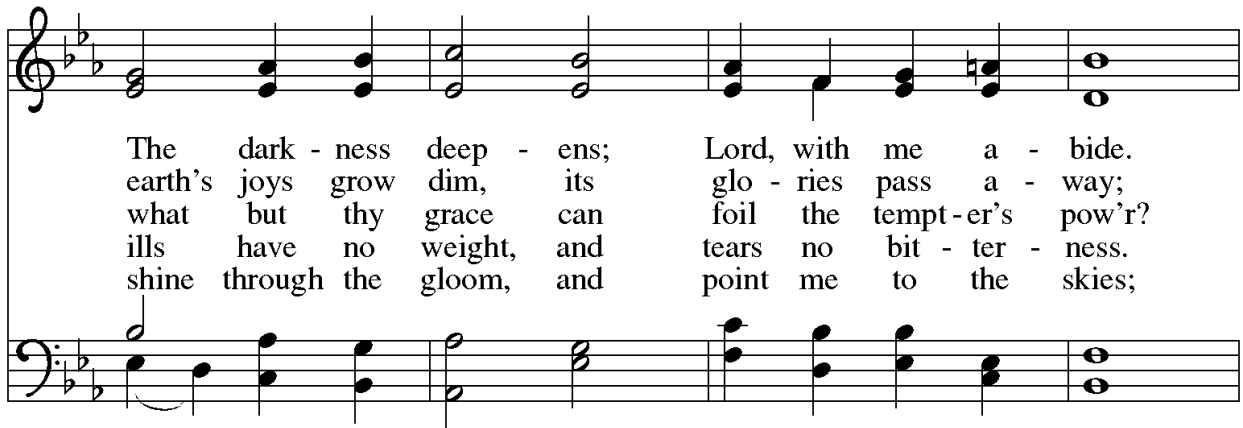
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# Abide with Me



1 A - bid with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bid with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bid with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bid with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bid with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bid with me.



## Prayers for the World

*Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition will close with the words: God, who is mercy:*

*Congregational response* **"Hear our Prayer"**

## Offering

**Worship Leader:** *Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for simply giving or give online or drop a check off at the church office.*

Offering Song – "My Lord, What A Morning"  
by the River of Horns Ensemble

# The Feast

Setting the Table *the children lead us as we sing together:*

O Come Lord Jesus be our Guest and let these gifts to us be blest. All praise to God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## The Lord's Prayer

*We pray our common prayer that Christ taught us.*

*(This version adapted by Parker J. Palmer)*

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,**

**Holy and blessed is your true name.**

**We pray for your reign of peace to come,**

**We pray that your good will be done,**

**Let heaven and earth become one**

**Give us this day the bread we need,**

**Give it to those who have none.**

**Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,**

**from each one to each one  
Lead us to holy innocence  
Beyond the evil of our days –  
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.  
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:  
Forever your name is All in One. Amen.**

This is Christ's table. It's a table of love and welcome. It's a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the earth. So, come, those of you with great faith and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this meal for your lives, and those of you for whom it is a strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Song: “Borning Cry” and “Blessed Assurance”

# Borning Cry



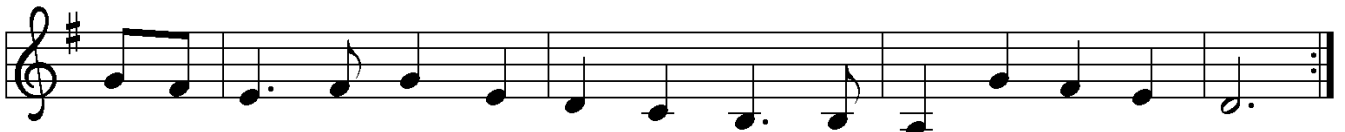
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."

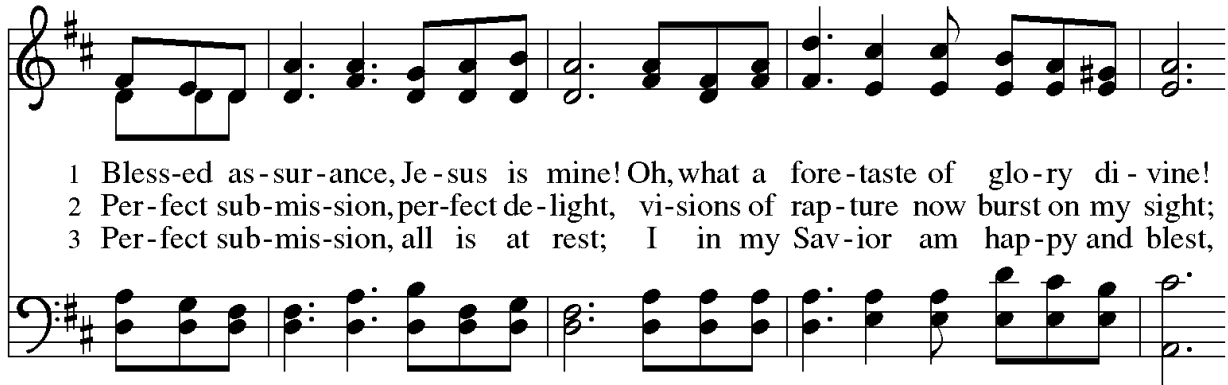


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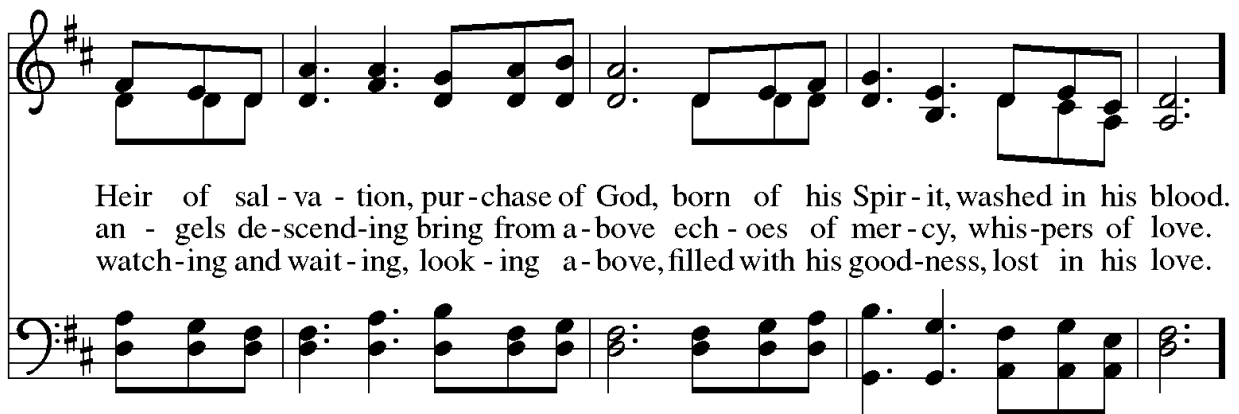


I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

# Blessed Assurance

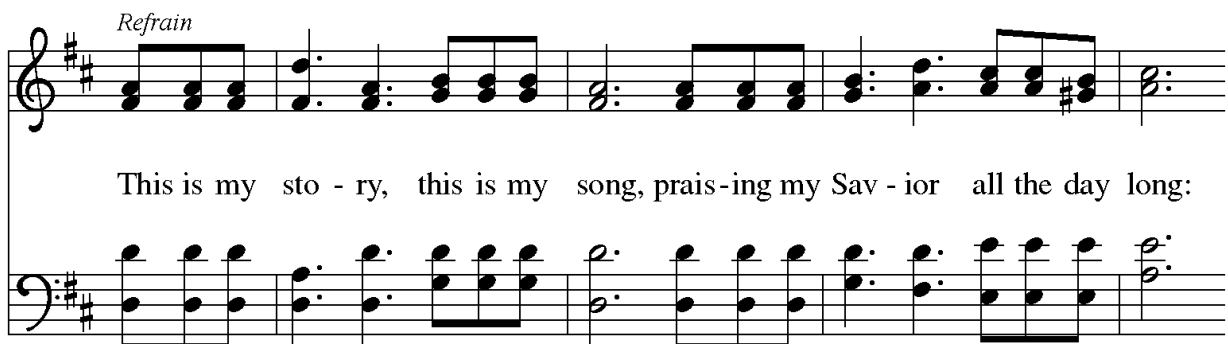


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

## Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?  
**We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.**

Purpose Sightings:

**MILESTONES!** Sing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" vs. 1  
*It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a  
community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our  
life.*

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with chords and moving lines.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.  
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

Sung Benediction – Pastor Hans and Jim

Sending Song: "I'll Fly Away"

# I'll Fly Away

Words and Music by  
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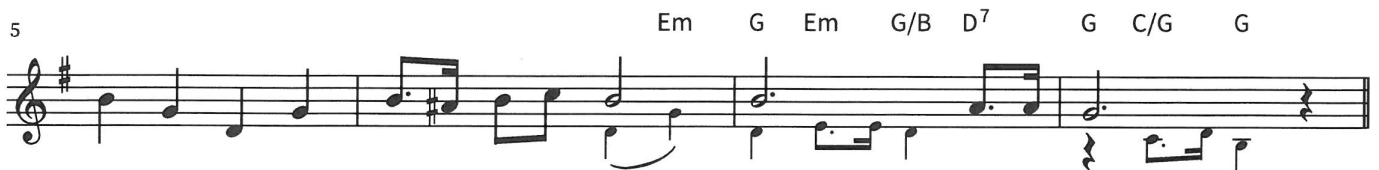
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## VERSE



1. Some glad morn-ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a - way.
2. When the shad - ows of this life have grown, I'll fly a - way.
3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then I'll fly a - way.

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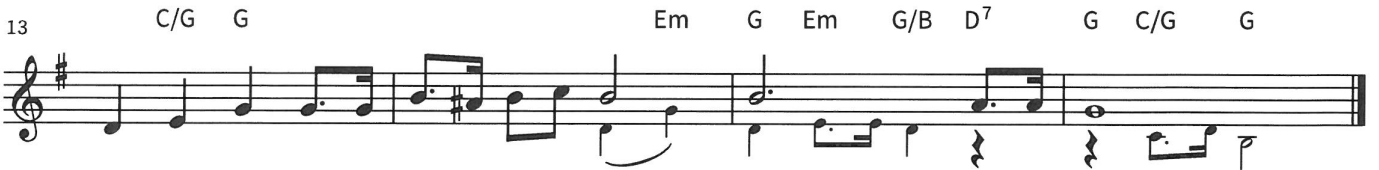


- To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll fly a - way.  
Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, I'll fly a - way.  
To a land where joys shall nev - er end, I'll fly a - way.

## CHORUS



- I'll fly a - way, O glo - ry; I'll fly a - way.



- When I die, hal - le - lu - jah, by and by, I'll fly a - way.

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Go in peace – serve the Lord!      **Thanks be to God**

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