TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

853  We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

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This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men’s group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

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MUSIC: South African; arr. Freedom is Coming, 1984

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582  Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G)  (D) (G) (D)  (G)  (D)  (Em)  (D)
B♭  F  B♭  F  B♭  F  Gm  F

1  Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
   World without end, World without end. Amen.
   (D)  (G)  (C)  (G)  (Em7)  (A7)
   F  B♭  E♭  B♭  Gm7  C7

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
World without end, World without end. Amen.
   (A7)  (D)  (F♯)  (Bm)
   C7  F  A  Dm

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
World without end, World without end. Amen.
   (Bm7)  (D)  (Bdim7)  (Em7)  (Dm)  (A7)  (D)
   Dm7  F  Ddim7  Gm7  Fm  C7  F

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
Joy-ful, Joy-ful, Lord, we a-dore thee. God of glo-ry, Lord of love. Hearts un-fold like flowers
be-fore thee, op-en-ing to the son a-bove. Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness
drive the dark of doubt a-way. Giv-er of im-mor tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day,
From the Nets of Our Labor
We Will Rise Up and Follow

1 From the nets of our labors, through the noise and confusion,
   from the city or seashore,

2 When we faint and grow weary from the bearing of burdens,
   with a message of comfort,

3 In the eyes of the stranger—frightened in the face of each neighbor,
   words that cry to be challenged,

4 When we hear words of hatred spreading fear or false witness,
   in the yearning for justice,

5 In each moment of courage, steadfast even through trembling,
   risking selfless compassion:

6 Like disciples before us, from the city or seashore,
   before and beside us, loving pattern to guide us, as we answer the call.

This text effectively evokes the call of the disciples who were fishermen (Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11), while also describing the circumstances of our daily lives through which Jesus continues to summon us to be responsive to the needs and challenges of our own day.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise
Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Or “God”*
Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 Today we all are called to be disciples of the
   Lord, to help to set the captive free, make
   plow-share out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their

2 God made the world and at its birth ordained our human
   race to live as stewards of the earth, restore,
   sponding to God’s grace. But we are vain and sadly

3 Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty
   stream, with righteousness in field and town to
   cleanse us and redeem. For God is longing to re-

4 May we in service to our God act out the living
   word, and walk the road the saints have trod till
   all have seen and heard. As stewards of the earth may