

THE SALVATION ARMY'S USA SOUTHERN TERRITORIAL SONGSTERS

The National Presbyterian Church
Prelude 10:40 a.m., October 20, 2019

Precious Lord arr. Arnold Sevier

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.
When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone...
At the river, Lord, I stand, guide my feet and hold my hand.
Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home. Words and Music by Thomas A. Dorsey

I Will Lift Mine Eyes Jake Runestad

I will lift mine eyes unto the hills. From whence comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord, he is the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved. He who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper. The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not harm you by day nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil. He will keep your soul.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this day forth for evermore.
Psalm 121:1-8

Music for Peace Jason Collier,
composer and pianist

An Offering Dan Forrest

O Christ, Who spared not any cost, nor any grace withheld,
But poured forth your redeeming blood in Love unparalleled;
What would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss
that I may taste the fellowship that brings me near the cross?

Why should I cling to gifts you give? Why grasp in foolish pride
What you who gave yourself for me now bid me lay aside?
To know you is my highest gain, worth any sacrifice,
A treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price.

Yet if behind my open hands, my heart shrinks from the cost,
Teach me that nothing offered you is ever truly lost.
A hundredfold reward awaits in one glimpse of your face,
My sacrifice forgotten in the riches of your grace.

Eileen Berry

And Can It Be Dan Forrest

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.
Charles Wesley

The Salvation Army, an international movement founded in 1865, is a Protestant, evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible, its ministry is motivated by the love of God, and its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ as it seeks to meet human needs in his name without discrimination.

In an effort to attract people and to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to outsiders, the Salvation Army's founder, William Booth, initially saw music as a means to an end, using his volunteer army to take music beyond the church walls and into the streets, primarily in the form of brass bands and vocalists. Music continues to be important to the Salvation Army's ministries of Christian education and evangelism.

In the United States, The Salvation Army is divided into four administrative sections, called territories. The Southern Territorial Songsters, formed in 1992, is comprised of both soldiers and officers from the 15 states of the Salvation Army's USA Southern Territory. The Songsters' current leader, Dr. Beatrice Holz, Professor Emeritus of Asbury University, began conducting the Songsters in the fall of 2015.

The Southern Territorial Songsters typically meet for musical ministry just three weekends each year to support major events within The Salvation Army. This weekend in the D.C. area is the annual "Thanks for Giving" Weekend – an opportunity to say "thank you" to all who support the ministries of The Salvation Army. National has collected special offerings for The Salvation Army several times throughout the years in response to natural disasters, most recently supporting The Salvation Army's relief efforts in the Bahamas. Learn more about how you can make a difference in your Washington Metro Area Salvation Army by visiting www.SalvationArmyNCA.org