Celebrate!

With spirit!

Solo: 1. Rock of salvation, wellspring of peace,
Solo: 2. Haven of safety, shepherd of sheep,
Solo: 3. Shepherd and stronghold, shield of our hearts,

strength of your people, we sing praise and see
mystery and being of which we are part!

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out of our darkness
Cleans'd by Christ's sorrow,
Gathered together in faith, hope, and love.
We are nothing to fear.
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saved by the goodness of God!
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Celebrate the power and purpose, celebrate the power and purpose.
Celebrate the passion of the Lord! Celebrate the meaning, celebrate the mystery, celebrate the wonder of God’s love! Celebrate the beauty and the being, celebrate the life of Jesus Christ!
BACKGROUND / PERFORMANCE NOTES:

Celebrate! was written during a time of great physical and emotion suffering, which may seem incongruous since the song is filled with such joy. The text was inspired by the psalms. It calls us to examine the nature of God’s love for us: the rock of salvation, upon which we rely in times of pain, as well as a wellspring, from which flow peace and joy, which causes us to celebrate the great mystery of faith. This hymn is appropriately used as a gathering song for any liturgical celebration. If used as a song of dismissal, the Easter season is a most appropriate time.