Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

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Composer Notes

When asked to write a hymn for the rededication of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Odessa, Texas, I immediately turned to the James Quinn treasure trove (see Hymns for All Seasons, OCP edition 30132863) and found this “sending forth” text. What drew me to these words was the wide variety of occasions for which this text would be appropriate: Christ the King, priesthood, Church, mission, Christ as Servant-King, Word of God, and many more.

This piece was originally written in a larger concertato setting, complete with extended instrumental introduction and a broadened, re-orchestrated fifth verse. For this edition, the instrumentation has been condensed and interludes shortened, but we have kept the option of broadening the final verse (see the asterisk in the score).

The piece should always be sung and played with joy, confidence, and determination, reflecting how we are to go out into the world for and with Christ.

—Luke Rosen

Textwriter Notes

This recessional hymn [text] speaks of the life of the Christian as king, priest, and prophet. It is in effect a poetic commentary on Chapter IV of the Constitution on the Church (Vatican II), esp. on the nn. 34–36.

The last stanza is on the theme of the Church as “the sacrament of unity for the whole human race” (cf. Chapter I of the Constitution, n. 1).

—James Quinn, SJ
To the parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Odessa, TX
on the dedication of their new sanctuary.
Rev. Mark Woodruff, Pastor, and Christopher M. Wilcox, Director of Music and Liturgy

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James Quinn, SJ, 1919–2010

INTRO Allegro con brio (♩ = ca. 130)

Keyboard

Dm Dm7 Cm7 Eb7 F

Cm7 Eb7 Gm7 F Dm

Dm7 Eb Cm7 F

Cm7 Eb7 Gm7
VERSES

*Verse 5 only: Maestoso (q = ca. 100); resume original tempo at end of verse.

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Maestoso

Preview
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5. flock, one Shepherd-King; here is one heart,

1. on our true lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's mind.
2. Lord of Christ's world we serve, to share reign.
3. grace to Christ's world in Christ to recreate.
4. speak his he claims our hearts, to sing praise.
5. Shepherd-King; here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

Ebmaj7 Gm7 F F/E Dm Dbmaj7 Ebmaj7 Ebmaj7 Ebmaj7 Cm7 Ebmaj7 Gm7

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Cm7 F

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Final

Cm7 E♭maj7 Gm7 F

molto rit.

Cm7 E♭maj7 Gm7 D♭ E♭ Cm7 F
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SOLO INSTRUMENT in C

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INTRO  Allegro con brio (\( \frac{\text{dotted note}}{\text{note value}} \approx 130\))

VERSE 1-5*

Final  molto rit.

*Verse 5 only: Maestoso (\( \frac{\text{dotted note}}{\text{note value}} \approx 100\)); resume original tempo at the beginning of the trill.
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TRUMPET I & II in B♭

INTRO  Allegro con brio (q = ca. 130)

VERSES 1-5*

(a tempo)

1-4

Final

molto rit.

*Verse 5 only: Maestoso (q = ca. 100); resume original tempo when the brass re-enter.

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TROMBONE I & II

INTRO Allegro con brio (\( \dot{q} = \text{ca. } 130 \))

VERSES 1-5*

1-4

Final

molto rit.

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Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go
(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO Allegro con brio (\( \frac{4}{4} = ca. 130 \))

Verse 5 only: Maestoso (\( \frac{4}{4} = ca. 100 \)); resume original tempo at end of verse.

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1. world with joy we bring; Christ in our minds, Christ
2. him his servants gain; with Christ, the Servant
3. time to consecrate, the world of sin by
4. minds, to search his ways; he claims our lips, to
5. hearth for all to find; here is one flock, one

1. on our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's true
2. Lord of all, Christ's world we serve, to share Christ's
3. grace to heal, Christ's world in Christ to recreate
4. speak his truth; he claims our hearts, to sing his
5. Shepherd-King; here is one faith, one heart, one

1. King.
2. reign.
3. ate.
4. praise.
5. mind.
FORTH IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST WE GO

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1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
2. King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
3. Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth;
4. Prophets of Christ, we hear his Word:
5. We are his Church, he makes us one:

1. Christ to the world with joy we bring;
2. kingship with him his servants gain;
3. the world of time to consecrate,
4. he claims our minds, to search his ways;
5. here is one hearth for all to find:

1. Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
2. with Christ, the Servant - Lord of all,
3. the world of sin by grace to heal,
4. he claims our lips, to speak his truth;
5. here is one flock, one Shepherd - King:

1. Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.
2. Christ's world we serve, to share Christ's reign.
3. Christ's world in Christ to recreate.
4. he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.
5. here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

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