

## Song

### Because by Shawna Edwards

Because He walked with men, I know the way.  
Because He calmed the storm, I'm not afraid.  
Because He bowed beneath all things, he lifted me above.  
Because He shed his blood for me, I know his love.

#### Chorus

And I will praise forever  
The Savior of the world  
And I will sing together  
With all the saints on earth  
Because he gave to me everything  
He had to give,  
I breathe, I see, I hope, I love, I live

Because He conquered death I'll live again  
Because He is my friend, I'll follow Him.  
Because He felt all grief and pain  
He makes my burden sweet.  
And when he comes to earth again  
I'll kneel before his feet.

#### Chorus



# There Is Still Light



Our prayer is characterized by silence ~

### Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.  
God is present in all our lives.  
God cares for us, and  
our life experiences are a source  
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence  
we share from our hearts.

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Prayer Leader:

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## To Ponder

### There Is Still Light By Syndie Eardly

*"They can't put out the light that was my brother. They can't put out the beauty that is his children and his family. It's not okay that I buried my brother. That's not okay. But everything is going to be okay, and he would say it with that look — that bemused look — like, don't be too upset. Like there's still light."*

-Kirsten Brooks, sister of slain Boulder Police Officer Eric Talley

I often wonder what the apostles must have felt in the days after Jesus died. I hope they knew something of what Kirsten Brooks seems to know in the aftermath of her brother's death – that there is still light, even as we mourn the absence of his earthly body.

Did the apostles have faith in those first days that no one could put out the Light that had been brought into the world? Did they have a sense of the permanency of what had been accomplished in the brief years of Jesus's life? Did they understand the invitation to join fully in this experience of light and love Jesus taught in a personal, fundamental way?

Richard Rohr suggests that we get so caught up in the universal truths of John's gospel upon which we have based Christian dogma, that we perhaps miss the consistent message of the other three gospels.

*"Jesus is always talking in concrete, human, historical, 'this' moments. One little leper, on one little road; one little widow with one dying son,"* Rohr says. *"Jesus brings this whole universal truth to individual caring. To a moment of encounter. You do not hear Jesus in Matthew, Mark and Luke walking around making many universal doctrinal statements. He's talking about right here, this woman, this situation."*

In this Easter week, perhaps we too can choose to focus on the moments in front of us, especially on the people we are called to love and to accept and to help, as Eric Talley so heroically did on March 22.

## Reading

### Resurrection Prayer By Kathy Galloway

Christ our life,  
You are alive — in the beauty of the earth  
in the rhythm of the seasons  
in the mystery of time and space, Alleluia

Christ our life,  
You are alive — in the tenderness of touch  
in the heartbeat of intimacy  
in the insights of solitude, Alleluia

Christ our life,  
You are alive — in the creative possibility  
of the dullest conversation  
or the dreariest task  
or the most threatening event, Alleluia

You set before us a great choice.  
Therefore we choose life.  
The dance of resurrection soars and  
surges through the whole creation,  
This is grace, dying we live.  
So let us live.

## Sharing...

a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...