
In Loving Memory of Rev. Alfred A. Hedberg

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An Eastertide Benediction for A Cappella Choir

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Broadly, Legato (♩ = 52)

mp

Soprano
Dear Heav-en - ly Fa - ther, help us al - ways to keep Eas - ter in our hearts, to

Alto
Dear Heav-en - ly Fa - ther, help us al - ways to keep Eas - ter in our hearts, to

Tenor
Dear Heav-en - ly Fa - ther, help us al - ways to keep Eas - ter in our hearts,

Bass
Dear Heav-en - ly Fa - ther, help us al - ways to keep Eas - ter in our hearts,

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S
walk in its sun - light, to re - joice in its beau - ty, *mf*, to live in its vic - to - ry! *f*

A
walk in its sun - light, to re - joice in its beau - ty, *mf*, to live in its vic - to - ry! *f*

T
to live in its vic - to - ry!

B
to live in its vic - to - ry!

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S *mf* Let the cup of laugh-ter o - ver-flow a - gain. Set Thy *f*

A *mf* Let the cup of laugh-ter o - ver-flow a - gain. Set Thy *f*

T *mp* Bring to the sor-row-ing re - lease from pain. Set Thy *f*

B *mp* (melody) Bring to the sor-row-ing re - lease from pain. Set Thy *f*

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S love like a burn - ing bea - con o - ver a - gainst the dark-ness and grief of life, to *dim.* *mp*

A love like a burn - ing bea - con o - ver a - gainst the dark-ness and grief of life, to *dim.* *mp*

T love like a burn - ing bea - con o - ver a - gainst the dark-ness and grief of life, to *dim.* *mp*

B love like a burn - ing bea - con o - ver a - gainst the dark-ness and grief of life, to *dim.* *mp*

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17 *cresc.* *molto rit.* *a tempo* *f* *mp* *dim.* *p*

S light - en our path and to bring us at last _____ to Thee. For we do _____ be -

A light - en our path and to bring us at last _____ to Thee. For we do _____

T light - en our path and to bring us at last _____ to Thee.

B light - en our path and to bring us at last _____ to Thee. be -

21 *rit.* *p* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp*

S lieve. A - men.

A be - lieve. A - men.

T be - lieve. A - men.

B lieve. A - men.

Duration: ~1'45"
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Cranberry Twp., PA

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Dear Heavenly Father,
help us always to keep Easter in our hearts,
to walk in its sunlight,
to rejoice in its beauty,
to live in its victory.

Bring into the sorrowing, release from pain.
Let the cup of laughter overflow again.
Set thy love like a burning beacon over against the darkness and grief of life,
to lighten our path and to bring us at last to Thee.

For we do believe. Amen.

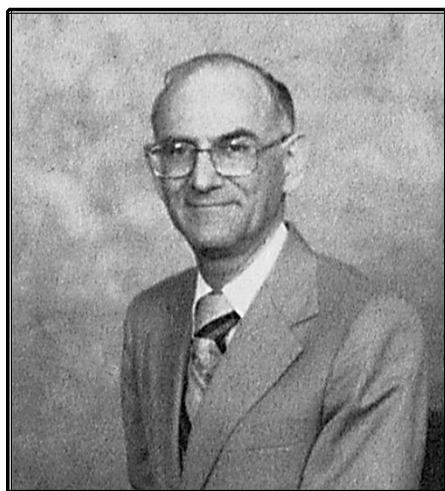
Written by Rev. Alfred A. Hedberg
April 5, 1980 for Easter Sunday, April 6, 1980
First United Methodist Church, Orlando, FL

The preceding prayer was written by my uncle, Rev. Alfred A. Hedberg, the day before Easter 1980. It would be the last Easter Rev. Hedberg would celebrate on this earth. Uncle Al died on August 19, 1980 at the age of 58, while vacationing in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina. Upon his passing, his good friend and fellow United Methodist Minister, Rev. W. Scott Bozeman, wrote of my uncle:

Who can estimate the value of Al's thirty-six years of committed and effective service? Who can evaluate the worth that this servant of God possessed in the areas of pulpit ability, pastoral care, and administrative skills? He will be remembered for his scholarship, faithfulness to responsibility, and the gracious way that he went about his work. Indeed, he commanded the respect and admiration of his ministerial and lay associates.

If we were to pick one quality that we remember best, it would be his love for people: all types, all ages, all kinds. They were all his friends.

All of us, together with his children, can "rise up and call him blessed."



Rev. Alfred A. Hedberg
(April 19, 1922 - August 19, 1980)