

# OCP Choral Series

## To Whom Else Shall We Go

Assembly, SATB Chorus, Organ, Irish Flute, and Cello

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Choral arrangement by Craig S. Kingsbury

Keyboard accompaniment by Rick Modlin

Refrain based on John 6:68; 14:6

**\*INTRODUCTORY REFRAIN** *Simple / Common*

**Solo**

The musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, 2/4 time, with lyrics: "To whom else shall we go, to whom else shall we go? You are the way, the truth, the life, the shep-herd of my soul, of my soul." The second staff continues the vocal line. The third staff is a keyboard accompaniment in treble clef, showing chords: Fmaj7, Em/G, Am, Am/G, Dm9, C/E, Gsus4, G. The fourth staff is the keyboard accompaniment in bass clef.

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\*The Refrain which follows the introductory refrain may be played by instruments as an alternate introduction.

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REFRAIN

Soprano  
Alto  
Tenor  
Bass

To whom else shall we go, to whom else shall we go? You

C C/G G F Gsus4 G

are the way, the truth, the life, the shep - herd of my

Dm Am F Fmaj7 Em/G

soul, the shep - herd my soul.

1-5 to Verses

Am Am/G Dm9 C/E 1-5 Gsus4 G to Verses

**Final** *rall.* **Fine**

soul.

**Final**  
 Gsus4 G Dm9 add9/E Fmaj7 G(no3) Fadd9/A Cadd9 **Fine**

*rall.*

**VERSES**

1. When we had gone a stray, you came and sought us  
 2. This ta - ble you pre - pare, and kneel - ing, wash our  
 3. You bid us take and eat, the bread of life you  
 4. Par - tak - ing of this meat, we are con - formed to  
 5. No an - guish or dis - ease, can keep us from your

Gsus4/F Am Bbmaj7/D C/E

1. out, re - turn - ing us to home and feast - ing.  
 2. feet. You came a - mong us a ser - vant.  
 3. give, to drink the cup that gives your mer - cy.  
 4. you; you send us forth to serve each oth - er.  
 5. love. In you, O Christ, our lives are hid - den.

F Am Fmaj7 Dm7 Gsus4 G **D.S.**

# To Whom Else Shall We Go

(Guitar/Vocal)

Refrain based on John 6:68; 14:6

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**\*INTRODUCTORY REFRAIN** *Simply* (♩ = ca. 60)

tacet  
Solo

To whom else shall we go? You  
are the way, the truth, the life, the shep-herd of my soul, the shep-herd of my soul.

**REFRAIN**

To whom else shall we go, whom else shall we go? You  
are the way, the truth, the life, the shep-herd of my soul, the shep-herd of my

1-5  
Gsus4 G to Verses

Final  
Gsus4 G Dm9 Cadd9 Fmaj7 G(no3) Fadd9/A Cadd9 *rall.* *Fine*

soul. soul.

**VERSES**

1. When we had gone a - stray you came and sought us

2. This ta - ble you pre - pare, and kneel - ing, wash our
3. You bid us take and eat the bread of life you
4. Par - tak - ing of this meal we are con - formed to
5. No an - guish or dis - tress can keep us from your

1. out, re - turn - ing us to home and feast - ing.

2. feet. You came a - mong us as a ser - vant.
3. give, to drink the cup that is your mer - cy.
4. you; you send us forth to serve each oth - er.
5. love. In you, O Christ, our lives are hid - den.

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IRISH FLUTE

INTRO (♩ = ca. 60)

Musical notation for the Intro section, consisting of two staves of music in 2/4 time.

REFRAIN 4      VERSE 1 8      REFRAIN 4

Musical notation for the first Refrain and Verse 1 section, showing measure counts and time signatures.

VERSES 2, 3      REFRAIN

Musical notation for Verses 2 and 3, followed by a Refrain section.

VERSE 4 8

Musical notation for Verse 4, showing a measure count of 8.

REFRAIN

Musical notation for a Refrain section.

VERSE 5

Musical notation for Verse 5.

REFRAIN

Musical notation for a Refrain section.

2 rall.

Musical notation for the final section, including a double bar line and a 'rall.' marking.

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CELLO

Arranged by Craig S. Kingsbury

INTRO (♩ = ca. 60)

5 6

REFRAIN

*sempre legato*

VERSE 1

REFRAIN

VERSES 2, 3

REFRAIN

VERSE 4

REFRAIN

VERSE 5

REFRAIN

*rall.*

# Composer Notes

The refrain of this Communion song comes in part from the end of the “Bread of Life” discourse in the Gospel of Saint John (John 6:66–69). As many disciples are turning away from Jesus, he asks the Twelve: “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter responds, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” He then confesses faith in Jesus: “We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” I imagine these words, “to whom else shall we go” on the lips of each communicant. When we as Church celebrate the Eucharist, listening to Jesus, who has the words of eternal life, and receiving him as the Bread of Life, we are making this same confession of faith.

**Uses:** This song may be used throughout the year for Communion. At preparation of the gifts, Communion, or post-Communion, it complements the readings of the following celebrations:

Holy Week/Easter Season — Holy Thursday

Easter 4 (A) [the Good Shepherd]

Easter 5 (A) [the way, the Truth, and the Life]

Ordinary Time — Ord. Time 1 (A, B) [call of the disciples and Peter]

Ord. Time 12 (C) [Luke: Peter’s confession of faith]

Ord. Time 16 (B) [like sheep without a shepherd]

Ord. Time 17–21 (B) [Jesus, the Bread of Life]

Ord. Time 23 (A): Peter’s confession of faith]

Ord. Time 24 (B) [Mark: Peter’s confession of faith]

Most Holy Eucharist of Christ (especially A)

[Bread of Life discourse]

Ritual Masses — First Communion; Funeral liturgy

—*Bob Hurd*

## Guitar Chords

Dm Gsus4/F

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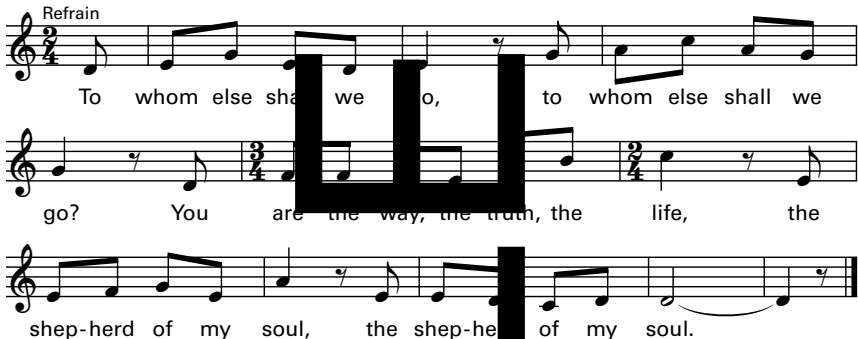
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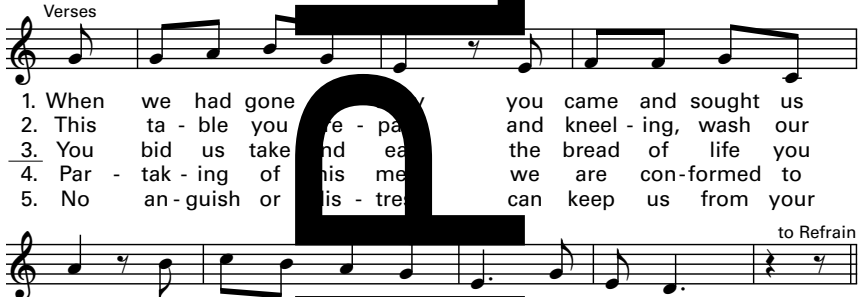
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**Refrain**



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go? You are the way, the truth, the life, the  
shep-herd of my soul, the shep-herd of my soul.

**Verses**



1. When we had gone away, you came and sought us
2. This table you prepared and kneeling, wash our
3. You bid us take and eat the bread of life you
4. Partaking of this meal we are con-formed to
5. No anguish or distress can keep us from your

to Refrain

1. out, returning to us and feast-ing.
2. feet. You came and sought us as a ser-vant.
3. give, to drink the cup of life is your mer-cy.
4. you; you send us forth to witness each oth-er.
5. love. In you, O Christ, our sins are hid-den.

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