



Hymn of the Week

March 24 • Third Sunday in Lent, Year C

Bush By the Fire Illumed

Text: Wayne L. Wold.

Music: PARAMOUNT, Wayne L. Wold

About the Hymn: “I wrote this hymn for the 1993 conference of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, where it was used to highlight the week’s theme ‘Holy Ground.’ The tune name, PARAMOUNT, refers to the conviction that worship is of paramount importance, and it also was the name of the community in Hagerstown, Maryland, where I was living at the time.” –Wayne L. Wold

Topics: Baptism, Biblical Names (Moses), Christian Life, Church, Comfort & Encouragement, Guidance, Miracles, Society & Social Concerns, Temptation & Trial, Witness

Scriptural Reference: Exodus 3:1–6

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1 Bush by the fire il - lumed burns but is not con - sumed. Mo - ses had
 2 Sent forth by your com - mand in - to the prom - ised land, signs of your
 3 Wea - ry in wan - der - ing, thirst - ing and hun - ger - ing, your man - na,
 4 How shall we sing your praise, wor - ship in right - ful ways? In these and

not pre - sumed to speak your name. Stand - ing on ho - ly ground,
 might - y hand led night and day. Bap - tized in - to your name,
 nour - ish - ing, came from a - bove. By your life - giv - ing bread
 fu - ture days, will faith be found? Guide through the wil - der - ness,

we, too, have heard the sound; your call is strong, pro - found, sets us a - flame.
 we, too, have seen the flame, your sav - ing grace we claim, walk in your way.
 we, too, are rich - ly fed. Christ, ris - en from the dead, feeds us in love.
 com - fort our an - xious - ness, grant us more faith - ful - ness. Ho - ly the ground!

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might-y hand led night and day. Bap-tized in-to your name,
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burns but is not consumed.
Moses had not presumed
to speak your name.
Standing on holy ground,
we, too, have heard the sound;
your call is strong, profound,
sets us aflame.

Sent forth by your command
into the promised land,
signs of your mighty hand
led night and day.
Baptized into your name,
we, too, have seen the flame,
your saving grace we claim,
walk in your way.

Weary in wandering,
thirsting and hungering,
your manna, nourishing,
came from above.
By your lifegiving bread
we, too, are richly fed.
Christ, risen from the dead,
feeds us in love.

How shall we sing your praise,
worship in rightful ways?
In these and future days,
will faith be found?
Guide through the wilderness,
comfort our anxiousness,
grant us more faithfulness.
Holy the ground!