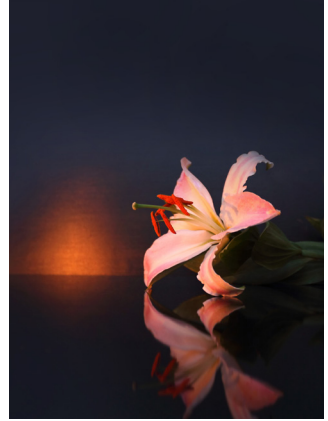


Hymn of the Week

May 5, 2019 • Easter III

A Light from Heaven



Text: Gracia Grindal, 1980.

During the process to complete *The Hymnal 1982*, there was a need for a text on the conversion of St. Paul. This text, which was chosen by the hymnal committee, deals with that story in Acts.—Gracia Grindall

Music: DEO GRACIAS, 15th-century English melody (public domain).

Topics: Biblical Names (Saul), Light, Love (of God), Redemption

Scriptural References: Acts 9:1–19; II Corinthians 5:17

Publications

The Hymnal 1982 (Church Publishing, 1985)

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A Light from Heaven

A light from heaven shone around,
and in that light a voice was heard.
Then Saul fell blinded to the ground
and cried aloud, "Who are you, Lord?"

It was the blessed Son come down
to save him from his fearful ways
and free him from the bonds of sin,
a sinner saved by Jesus' grace.

St. Paul was changed by God's free love.
The scales fell from his eyes, he saw
the love of God, the cosmos move
in time with grace, beyond the law.

Renew us with your love, O Lord.
Your new creation let us be,
redeemed forever and restored;
with Paul's new vision let us see.

A Light from Heaven

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 3 St. Paul was changed by God's free love. The scales fell
 4 Re - new us with your love, O Lord. Your new cre -

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