

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go

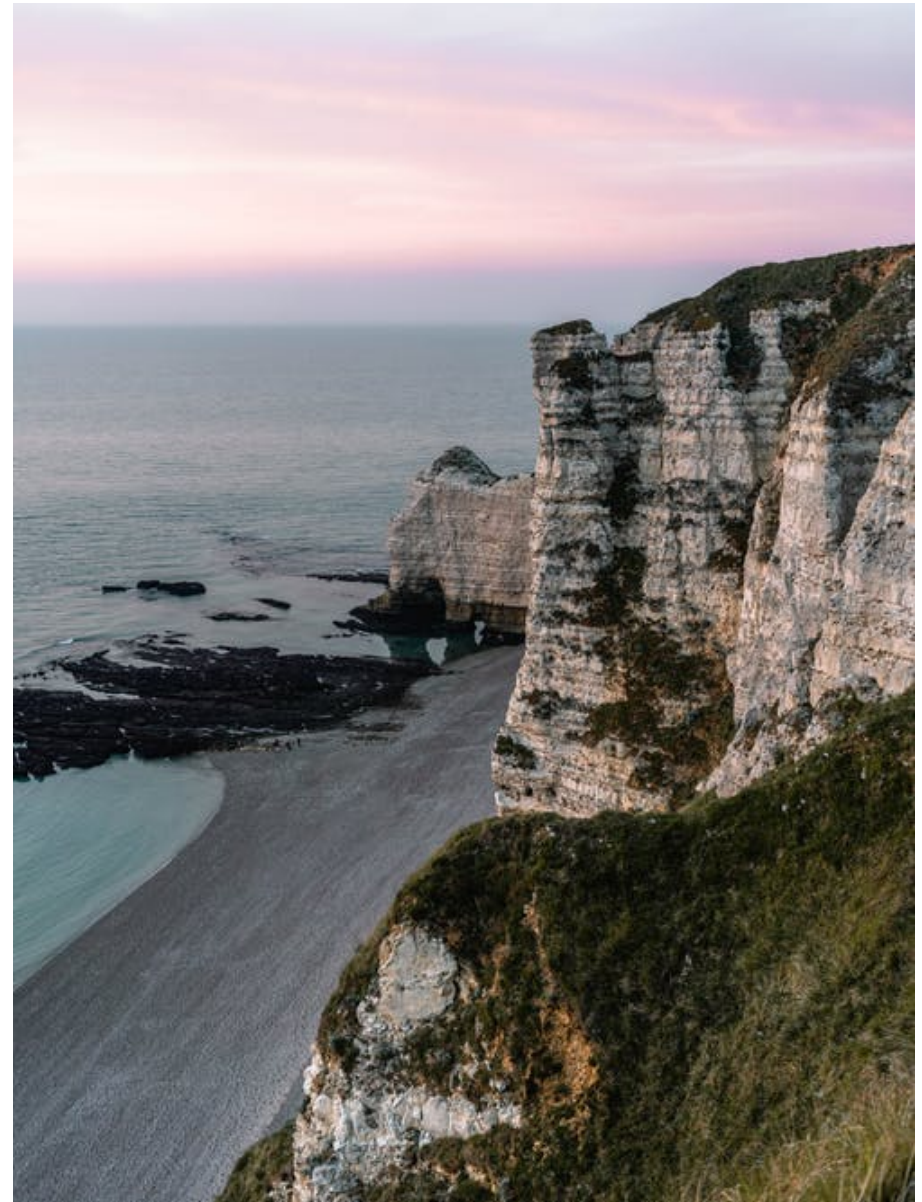
where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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The Cotteridge Church

Proper 9 Sunday 3rd July 2022



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Bible Readings

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Collect for Proper 9

God our saviour,

look on this wounded world

in pity and in power;

hold us fast to your promises of peace

won for us by your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

Albert Schweitzer, the missionary doctor and Nobel Laureate, was born in 1875 in the region of Alsace, an area claimed vigorously both by France and Germany. Schweitzer was always attracted to scholarship and to his father's ministry in the Church as pastor. He earned degrees in Theology and Philosophy while at the same time serving as a curate for a small congregation. And he kept that small ministry even when he was teaching at a prestigious university and writing a foundational work of theology, *Quest of the Historical Jesus*, in 1905. Schweitzer also achieved renown as an authority on the music of J.S. Bach. An organist of international repute, he produced a great edition of Bach's works and wrote a six-hundred page study of the composer.

One day he chanced upon a notice in a magazine describing the need for doctors in Africa. And so he decided to leave behind all his accomplishments and answer the call. His friends and colleagues thought he was mad. But his mind was made up. He earned a medical degree with a speciality in tropical diseases and presented himself to the Paris Missionary Society which sent him with his wife to the area of Africa now called Gabon.

Within months he had designed and built an African-village-style hospital. He tried by his work as a missionary doctor to relate Christianity to the sacredness of life in all its forms. He followed strictly the guidelines for the preaching and healing mission Jesus gave to the seventy-two disciples as described in today's gospel and became one of the great Christian missionaries of the twentieth century.