

GOD CALLS AND CLEANSSES US

Gathering Song

None But Thee
Fellows | Marshall (2011)

Jesus, mighty King of Heaven,
Thou, O Lord our guide shall be
Thy commission we rely on;
we will follow none but Thee.

As an emblem of Thy passion
and Thy vict'ry o'er the grave
We who know Thy great salvation
are baptized now beneath the wave.

REFRAIN: *Fall on us O Holy Lord;
our hearts oh King are only Yours
By Your grace we live, and we
will follow none but Thee,
will follow none but Thee.*

Fearless of the world's despising,
we the ancient path pursue.
Buried with our Lord and rising
to a life divinely new.

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Sin shall never be our master,
captives of Thy bless-ed grace.
Offering our lives hereafter,
we resolve to seek Thy face;
we resolve to seek Thy face —
We will follow none but Thee—
We will follow none but Thee —

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Welcome, Greeting and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship | Confession of Sin | Assurance of Pardon

from Psalm 34, Ephesians 4; 1 John 1

LEADER: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me, let us exalt His name together!

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

ALL: They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

LEADER: But that is not the way you learned Christ!—assuming that you have heard about Him and were taught in Him, as the truth is in Jesus.

ALL: We were taught in Jesus to put off the old self, which belongs to the former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires.

LEADER: Be renewed in the spirit of your minds; put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.
Let us confess our sin to God.

ALL: God of mercy,
You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way.
We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small.
We have chosen the old life when fullness of life is offered to us in Jesus.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness.

LEADER: Father, hear us now as we confess our sins silently to You.

— silent confession —

LEADER: Amen.

Brothers and Sisters, when we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.

Worship Singing

Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)

Keyes & Townend (2007)

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes; and I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to Him who hears me.

REFRAIN: *O praise Him hallelujah, my Delight and my Reward;
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.*

Find rest my soul in God alone amid the world's temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go don't set your heart upon them.
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven

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I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in Him completely
with ev'ry day pour out my soul and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death and I am His forever

REFRAIN X2

O praise Him, O praise Him—Hallelujah Hallelujah
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REFRAIN: *O praise Him hallelujah, my Delight and my Reward
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God;
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God*

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

Gabriel | Tomlin | Wasson (1905, 2006)

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.
He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
And suffered and died alone.

REFRAIN: *Singing, "How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!"*

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me. **REFRAIN X2**

Hear My Cry
Kirk Ward (2013)

Hear my cry, O Lord, at the gates of death;
My body is weak and I've lost all my breath.
For You, O Lord, are the Righteous Judge.
Be my Stronghold, my Refuge, my Solid Rock,
Hear my cry!

Hear my cry, O Lord, when I'm lost in sin,
search deep in my heart and restore me within,
For You, O Lord, are the Worthy Lamb.
Be my Savior, Redeemer, my Living Word,
Hear my cry!

REFRAIN: *Oh, I love You Lord
for You have heard my voice
When in my deepest need, You turn to me
and hear my cry.*

Hear my cry, O Lord, make Your church a light,
a city that stands to defend what is right,
For You, O Lord, are the Glorious King.
Be my Shepherd, my Master, my Morning Star,
Hear my cry! **REFRAIN**

Hear my cry, O Lord, when we face discord,
send patience until fellowship is restored,
For You, O Lord, are the Faithful Friend.
Be my Comfort, my Healer, my Prince of Peace,
Hear my cry! **REFRAIN**

Prayer for the Church and the World

Worship Through Giving

Musical Offering

It Is Well with My Soul

Phillip P. Bliss | arr. by Gary Lanier (2014)

Monica Wright, violin | David Heetderks, viola | Anthony Moore, piano

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

Isaiah 40 | Behold Your God

Andrew Shank

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

6 A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

9 Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" 10 Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? 13 Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows him his counsel? 14 Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? 15 Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales; behold, he takes up the coastlands like fine dust. 16 Lebanon would not suffice for fuel, nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering. 17 All the nations are as nothing before him, they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

18 To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him? 19 An idol! A craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts for it silver chains. 20 He who is too impoverished for an offering chooses wood that will not rot; he seeks out a skillful craftsman to set up an idol that will not move.

21 Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; 23 who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

25 To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. 30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; 31 but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(CUP) Worship Singing *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

GOD SENDS US

God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lam. 3:22, 23*

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Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10.ref.
William M. Runyan, 1923

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Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

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Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. Ps. 136:1

1. Let us with a glad - some mind praise the Lord, for he is kind:
2. Let us sound his name a - broad, for of gods he is the God:
3. He with all - com - mand - ing might filled the new-made world with light:
4. All things liv - ing he does feed; his full hand sup - plies their need:

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for his mer - cies shall en - dure, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure.

5. He his chosen race did bless in the wasteful wilderness:
(Refrain)
6. He has with a piteous eye looked upon our misery:
(Refrain)
7. Let us then with gladsome mind praise the Lord for he is kind:
(Refrain)

From Psalm 136
John Milton, 1624; alt.
Alt. 1990, mod.

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