



CHRIST THE KING
— PRESBYTERIAN —

THE LORD'S DAY – OCTOBER 1, 2023

“Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus”

by Louisa M. R. Stead and William James Kirkpatrick

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know thus saith the Lord

O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

Jesus Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace

Jesus Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end

Jesus Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus
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CALL TO WORSHIP - from Psalm 118

Leader: *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!*

People: Open to me the gates of righteous-ness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: *This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the
Lord.

Leader: *You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.*

All: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

“God Be Merciful To Me”

*by Alex Nifong, Elvina M. Hall,
and John Thomas Grape*

God be merciful to me
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou
Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me make me pure within
Cleanse O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess
Grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked Thee to Thy face
I confess Thy judgment just
Speechless I Thy mercy trust

I am evil born of sin
Thou desirest truth within
Thou alone my Savior art
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart
Make me pure Thy grace bestow
Wash me whiter than the snow

Gracious God my heart renew
Make my Spirit right and true
Cast me not away from Thee
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me
Thy salvation's joy impart
Steadfast make my willing heart

“Hast Thou Heard Him,
Seen Him, Known Him?”

by Ora Rowan (alt. K Twit) and Joel Littlepage

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him?

Is not thine a captured heart?

Chief among ten thousand own Him,

Joyful choose the better part.

Captivated by His beauty,
Worthy tribute haste to bring.
Let his peerless worth constrain thee,
Crown Him now unrivaled King.

What can strip the seeming beauty
From the idols of the earth?
Not a sense of right or duty,
But the sight of peerless worth.

Captivated by His beauty,
Worthy tribute haste to bring.
Let his peerless worth constrain thee,
Crown Him now unrivaled King.

'Tis that look that melted Peter,
'Tis that face that Stephen saw,
'Tis that heart that wept with Mary,
Can alone from idols draw.

Captivated by His beauty,
Worthy tribute haste to bring.
Let his peerless worth constrain thee,
Crown Him now unrivaled King.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:13-24

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord!*

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, shepherd of your people, we sinful humans are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. We see that our fragile lives are merely a breath.

We confess with the prophet: “All flesh is grass, and all its glory is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall.” Yet we also confess: “The word of our God stands forever.” Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

We look to you as frightened children look to their mother, for you alone can comfort us. Have mercy on us, O God. See our tears and hear our cries and lead us all, as pilgrims, through this valley of the shadow of death into the light of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

People: The maker of heaven and earth!

Minister: *O Lord, open our lips,*

People: And our mouths will declare Your
praise!

“Oh Give Thanks To The Lord”

by Wendell Kimbrough

We were wandering in the desert
With our souls so starved and weak
We were hungry for a homeland
We did not know how to seek

But we lifted up our voices
To the only One who hears
And the God of mercy came
and brought us near

We were locked out of the garden
And our backs bent down with pain
In the shadow of death's darkness
We were slaves to sin and blame

Then we cried out in our labor
To the only One who hears
And the God of mercy wiped
away our tears

Oh give thanks to the Lord
For His love endures forever
We were wandering and lost
And our Father brought us home

To a safe, dwelling place
To a feast of joy and laughter
Oh give thanks to the Lord
for He is good

We were fools in our rebellion
With our hunger strike of pride
We were sick and growing closer
To the death we should have died

Then He heard of our condition
And He called us by our names
And the God of glory took
away our shame

Oh give thanks to the Lord
For His love endures forever
We were wandering and lost
And our Father brought us home

To a safe, dwelling place
To a feast of joy and laughter
Oh give thanks to the Lord
for He is good

We were far out on the ocean
Making wealth and chasing dreams
But the waves of great destruction
Brought us trembling to our knees

And we cried like drunken sailors
To the only One who hears
And the God of comfort took
away our fears

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GREETING

Leader: *May the peace of Christ be with you!*

People: And also with you!

Leader: *Let us share His peace with one another.*

Children may leave for lesson (ages 4-6).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As the leader directs, the congregation is invited to pray for those for whom they are burdened.

Pray aloud and by name or silently if you prefer.

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 5:19-47

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord!*

People: Thanks be to God!

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

by Carl Gotthelf Glaser and Charles Wesley

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

Jesus! the name that charms our fears

That bids our sorrows cease

'Tis music in the sinner's ears

'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of canceled sin

He sets the prisoner free

His blood can make the foulest clean

His blood availed for me

Glory to God, and praise and love

Be ever, ever given

By saints below and saints above

The church in earth and heaven

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

CONFESSION OF FAITH - “The Apostles’ Creed”

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge
the living and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: *The peace of the Lord be always
with you.*

People: And also with you!

Minister: *Lift up your hearts!*

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Wine is in the outer circles of cups; the inner circle contains grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in its own tray.

As the usher directs, please come forward one row at a time to pick up your cups.

Please hold your elements until all are served so that we may all partake together, as one body.

“God and Man at Table are Sat Down”

by Robert Stamps

O, welcome all you noble saints of old,
As now before your very eyes unfold
The wonders all so long ago foretold.
God and man at table are sat down.
God and man at table are sat down.

Elders, martyrs, all are falling down;
Prophets, patriarchs are gathering round,
What angels longed to see now we have found.
God and man at table are sat down.
God and man at table are sat down.

Beggars, lame, and harlots also here;
Repentant publicans are drawing near;
Wayward ones come home without a fear.

God and man at table are sat down.

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Who is this who spreads the victory feast?
Who is this who makes our warring cease?
Jesus, Risen Savior, Prince of Peace.
God and man at table are sat down.
God and man at table are sat down.

Here He gives Himself to us as bread
Here as wine we drink the blood He shed
Born to die we eat and live instead
God and man at table are sat down.
God and man at table are sat down.

Worship in the presence of the Lord,
With joyful songs and hearts in one accord,
And let our Host at table be adored.
God and man at table are sat down.
God and man at table are sat down.

When at last this earth shall pass away,
When Jesus and his bride are one to stay,
The feast of love is just begun that day.
God and man at table are sat down.
God and man at table are sat down.

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THE SENDING - Joshua 1:9

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Amen

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