

SEASON OF LENT-MARCH 17, 2024

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Words: John Newton

Music: Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder;
Let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder;
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.

He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God. Let us love the Lord Who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.

He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God. Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down,
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.

He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood, Soon will bring us home to God.

CALL TO WORSHIP - From Psalm 63

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;

People: My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

People: My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

Leader: You have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

All: My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

"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

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 Him Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend And I know that He is with me Will be with me to the end

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"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

by Albert Lister Peace and George Matheson

O Love that wilt not let me go
I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be

O Light that follows all my way
I yield my flickering torch to Thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain I cannot close my heart to Thee I trace the rainbow through the rain And feel the promise is not vain That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from Thee
I lay in dust, life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 8:5-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS - From Exodus 20

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: 1. You shall have no other gods before me.

People: Lord, have mercy.

2. You shall not make for yourself an idol, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God.

3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.

5. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land.

People: Lord, have mercy.

6. You shall not murder.

7. You shall not commit adultery.

People: Lord, have mercy.

8. You shall not steal.

9. You shall not bear false witness.

People: Lord, have mercy.

10. You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor's.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I, a poor and sinful person, do confess to you, O Almighty, everlasting, merciful God and Father, that I have sinned in many and varied ways against you and your commandments.

I confess that I have stolen; I own my greed. I acknowledge that I have used material goods to turn against you and your wisdom. Selfishly and unlovingly I have clung to my possessions; and hardly have I given them away when my neighbor needed them.

Forgive me these and all my sins, and from now on keep me and protect me, so that I may walk only in your way and live, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son our Savior. 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!

"All Glory Be To Christ"

by Dustin Kensrue

Should nothing of our efforts stand No legacy survive Unless the Lord does raise the house In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come On earth as is above Who is Himself our daily bread Praise Him the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us And be our steadfast light And we shall e'er his people be All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our king All glory be to Christ His rule and reign we'll ever sing All glory be to Christ

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

Hebrews 9:1-14

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

"Nothing But the Blood"

Words and Music: Robert Lowry

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see; Nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my cleansing this my plea; Nothing but the blood of Jesus. O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone; Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Naught of good that I have done; Nothing but the blood of Jesus. O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace; Nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness; Nothing but the blood of Jesus. O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

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.

"Abide With Me"

by Henry Francis Lyte and Justin Smith

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide. When other helpers, fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, abide with me. Thou on my head, in early youth did smile;
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee
On to the close Lord, Abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour. What but Thy grace, Can foil the tempter's power? Who like Thyself my, guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting, death?
Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee In life, in death, Lord, abide with me

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

THE SENDING - From Acts 20:32

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

May the blessing of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forevermore! Amen.

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Let us wonder, grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more.

He Who washed us with His blood, He Who washed us with His blood, He Who washed us with His blood, Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus Of the saints enthroned on high. Here they trusted Him before us; Now their praises fill the sky.

Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy Lamb of God.



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