

SEASON OF LENT – MARCH 30, 2025

"Babylon is Fallen"

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Hail the day so long expected, hail the year of full release Zion's walls are now erected, and her watch heads publish peace Through our Shiloh's wide dominion, hear the trumpet loudly roar

Babylon is fallen, is fallen, is fallen! Babylon is fallen, to rise no more!

All her merchants stand with wonder, "What is this that comes to pass?" Murmuring like the distant thunder, and crying, "Alas! Alas!" Swell the sound, you kings and nobles, priests and people, rich and poor!

Babylon is fallen, is fallen, is fallen! Babylon is fallen, to rise no more!

Blow the trumpet on Mount Zion, for the kings are all brought down Who once ruled with rods of iron, and wore our fortunes on their crown Fables, garments we've rejected, and they'll find us never more

Babylon is fallen, is fallen, is fallen! Babylon is fallen, to rise no more!

Like the river carves the valley, and the oak tree dulls the axe Like the moss tears down the palace, while the fallen turn to grass Like the storm's distant warning, is but a ripple on the shore

Babylon is fallen, is fallen, is fallen! Babylon is fallen, to rise no more!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

People: For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Leader: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"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.

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.

"How Great Thou Art"

Words: Stuart K. Hine

Music: Swedish folk melody

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think, that God,
His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 5:9-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, we have strayed like wandering sheep, seeking our own way instead of Yours. You have called us in mercy, yet we have turned from Your voice.

Forgive our pride and rebellion. Break our hardness of heart. Lead us home by Your grace, that we may rejoice in Your salvation.

We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this good news:

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

"We Will Feast In The House Of Zion"

by Sandra McCracken

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the Lord our God

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld protected gathered up

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things we will say together We will feast and weep no more

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

Luke 15:1-7

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

"Amazing Grace"

by Edwin Othello Excell and John Newton

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now am found Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

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.

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

by Samuel Stennett

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains Shines one eternal day There God the Son forever reigns And scatters night away

I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore Sickness and sorrow, pain and death Are felt and feared no more

I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land

When shall I reach that happy place And be forever blest When shall I see my Father's face And in His bosom rest

I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Announcements

Benediction - Psalm 31:24

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD! Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. (4x)



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