

EASTER SEASON – APRIL 14, 2024

"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

CALL TO WORSHIP - from Psalm 92

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

People: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

Leader: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

People: How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!

Leader: The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this: that though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever.

People: But you, O Lord, are on high forever!

Leader: The righteous are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

All: They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the Lord is upright.

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Words: St. Francis of Assisi

Music: Traditional German Melody

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three-in-one, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

by Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery In the dawning of the King He the theme of heaven's praises Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin

See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law, in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption See the Father's plan unfold Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured, love untold Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive

What a foretaste of deliverance How unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected As we will be when he comes

PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-8

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, 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!

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.

"I Lift My Eyes Up"

by Brian Doerksen

I lift my eyes up to the mountains
Where does my help come from
My help comes from You maker of heaven
Creator of the earth

I lift my eyes up to the mountains
Where does my help come from
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Creator of the earth

Oh how I need You Lord You are my only hope You are my only prayer So I will wait for You To come and rescue me To come and give me life I lift my eyes up to the mountains
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GREETING

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

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

Psalm 98

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

"This Is My Father's World"

by Aaron Purdy, Franklin Lawrence Sheppard, Jennie Lee Riddle, and Maltbie Davenport Babcock This is my Father's world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres

This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise

This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In rustling grass I hear Him pass
He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father's world O let me ne'er forget And though the wrong seems oft so strong God is the Ruler yet

This is my Father's world Why should my heart be sad The Lord is King let the heavens ring God reigns let the earth be glad

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.

"In The Valley"

by Jonathan Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Tim Challies

When the path that I feared Is the way He has set And I long to give in and retreat Still to Jesus I hold As I face every step For the Lord He will give me His peace Bless the Lord He will give me His peace Bless the Lord He will give me His peace And if I should remain in the valley today Bless the Lord He will give me His peace

When the road that I tread Fills my heart with despair And it seems that my grief has no end Still to Jesus I hold Who will walk with me there And the Lord He will give me His strength Bless the Lord He will give me His strength Bless the Lord He will give me His strength And if I should remain in the valley today Bless the Lord He will give me His strength

On the road that You walked With the weight of the cross All my pain and my sorrow You held So to You I shall hold You redeem every loss For my Lord You have given Yourself Bless the Lord for He gives me Himself Bless the Lord for he gives me Himself And if I should remain in the valley today Bless the Lord for He gives me Himself

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

THE SENDING - Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb Your loosened tongues employ Ye blind, behold your Savior come And leap, ye lame, for joy Glory to God, and praise and love
Be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above
The church in earth and heaven



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