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“How Firm a Foundation”

*By Anne Steele, George Keith,
John Rippon, and Joseph Funk*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not I am with you, O be not dismayed
For I am your God, I will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient shall be your supply
The flames shall not hurt you I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes
That soul though all hell
should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 126:1-3

Leader: *When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.*

People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Leader: *then they said among the nations,*

People: “The LORD has done great things for them.”

Leader: *The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

“'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
O, for grace to trust Him more

“Come, Thou Fount”

Words: Robert Robinson

Music: Asahel Nettleton

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let thy grace, Lord like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

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

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Isaiah 46:22-24

Leader: *Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel! You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities.*

All: We pray, O God, that you will have mercy on us. Forgive us for the ways in which we have wearied you with our iniquities: neglecting neighborly love, caring for widows and orphans in their distress, welcoming the stranger, and disregarding your love. Purify our hearts, and restore to us the joy of your salvation through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this good news:

God says, "I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

“O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

by Samuel Trevor Francis

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean,
In its fullness over me!

Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To my glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore!

How He watches o'er His loved ones
Died to call them all His own
How for them He intercedeth
Watches over them from the throne

O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Love of every love the best
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing
'Tis a haven sweet of rest

O the deep, deep love of Jesus
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to Thee!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

New City Catechism

Question 3: How many persons are there in God?

Answer: There are three persons in one God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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 15:8-10

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

People: Thanks be to God!

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Words and Music: Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss;
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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.

“No Night There”

by Hart P. Danks

In the land of fadeless day
Lies the city four-square;
It shall never pass away,
And there is no night there.

God shall wipe away all tears;
There's no death, no pain, nor fears;
And they count not time by years,
For there is no night there

All the gates of pearl are made,
In the city four-square;
All the streets with gold are laid,
And there is no night there.

God shall wipe away all tears;
There's no death, no pain, nor fears;
And they count not time by years,
For there is no night there

And the gates shall never close
To the city four-square;
There life's crystal river flows,
And there is no night there.

God shall wipe away all tears;
There's no death, no pain, nor fears;
And they count not time by years,
For there is no night there

There they need no sunshine bright,
In that city four-square;
For the Lamb is all the light,
And there is no night there.

God shall wipe away all tears;
There's no death, no pain, nor fears;
And they count not time by years,
For there is no night there

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Announcements

Benediction

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

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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