



CHRIST_{THE} KING
— PRESBYTERIAN —

PENTECOST SUNDAY – JUNE 8, 2025

“God Be Merciful To Me”

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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

Broken humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgement just
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear Thy voice
From my sins O hide Thy face
Blot them out in boundless grace

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

Sinners then shall learn from me
And return O God to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips O Lord
And my mouth shall praise accord

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God*

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

Leader: *Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world and all its peoples!*

People: Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy!

Leader: *Rejoice at the presence of the Lord!*

People: For he comes to rule the earth.

All: He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

*by Catherine Winkworth, David A. DeSilva,
Johannes Olearius*

Comfort, comfort ye my people,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness,
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
blotting out each dark misdeed;
all that well deserved his anger
he no more will see or heed.

She hath suffered many a day
now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness
into ever-springing gladness.

For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
bidding all men to repentance,
since the kingdom now is here.

O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him,
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token,
that his word is never broken.

“The Night Song”

*by Colin Buchanan, Jonathan Robinson,
and Rich Thompson*

In the darkness God will keep me
He will stay and never sleep
In the darkness God is brighter
Though the night is long and deep

All this day Your hand has held me
God of Heaven by my side
Thank You Father for Your goodness
You will hold me through the night

In the shadows You are with me
And You know my ev'ry fear
In the shadows none can harm me
For the mighty King is here

All this day Your hand has held me
God of Heaven by my side
Thank You Father for Your goodness
You will hold me through the night

So I find my rest in Jesus
He who came to rescue me
Jesus saved me from the darkness
I will rise to life with Him

All this day Your hand has held me
God of Heaven by my side
Thank You Father for Your goodness
You will hold me through the night

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-11

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

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of mercy, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Lord, our misery is known to us. Yet, we are quick to justify ourselves and slow to repent.

But now we confess our pride, our fear, and our failure to trust your grace. Like the tax collector in the temple, we dare not lift our eyes to heaven, but we cry out: "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner!"

Restore us, O God of salvation. Create in us clean hearts and renew right spirits within us. By your Spirit, help us to walk in the light and love of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this good news:

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet,

they shall be as white as snow;

though they are red like crimson,

they shall become like wool.

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

by Charles Wesley and Greg Thompson

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.

Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.

All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.

Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity.

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).

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

Psalm 130

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

People: Thanks be to God!

“From the Depths of Woe” (Psalm 130)

Words: Martin Luther

Music: Christopher Miner

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee,
The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark.

O who shall stand before Thee?
(Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee?
(Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might.

And live alone by mercy

(Live alone by mercy)

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(Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support.

I wait for it with patience
(Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience
(Wait for it with patience)

Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free.

From all their sin and sorrow
(All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow
(All their sin and sorrow)

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

Announcements

Benediction

*Fear not, O Zion,
the Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.
Go forth now in His joy,
and walk always in His peace. 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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