

THE LORD'S DAY – AUGUST 10, 2025

## "Thy Mercy, My God"

by Isaac Watts, John Stocker, and Sandra McCracken

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue; Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness,
my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son; All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**People:** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

**Leader:** Our God comes and does not keep silent;

People: before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around him.

**Leader:** He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

**People:** "Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;

**All:** To those who go the right way, I will show the salvation of God."

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

# "Come People of the Risen King"

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend Come, people of the risen king,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth,
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice,
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, And those weeping through the night. Come, those who tell of battles won, And those struggling in the fight.

For His perfect love will never change, And His mercies never cease, But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice,
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.

Over all the world, His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age;
'Our God is all in all'.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
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O Church of Christ, rejoice!

## "Be Thou My Vision"

by Eleanor Henrietta Hull and Mary Elizabeth Byrne Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art

Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom
And Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord

Thou my great Father
And I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always

Thou and Thou only
First in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art

High King of heaven
My victory won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun

Heart of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my vision
O Ruler of all

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-6

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

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." Amen

# "Spirit of God"

by George Croly and Karl Digerness

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart, Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet-ecstasies;
No sudden rending of the veil of clay;
No angel vision, no opening skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?

All, all Thine own soul, heart

and strength and mind;

I see thy cross there, teach me to cling;

O let me seek Thee, and O let me find.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame:
The presence of Thy descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

### 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

Colossians 1:1-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

# "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love
my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken For by my side, the Savior, He will stay I labor on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

## 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.

## "Rock Of Ages"

by Augustus Montague Toplady and James Ward

Rock of Ages cleft for me Let me hide myself in thee Let the water and the blood From thy riven side which flowed Be of sin the double cure Cleanse me from its guilt and power

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law's demands Could my zeal no respite know Could my tears forever flow All for sin could not atone Thou must save and thou alone

Nothing in my hands I bring Simply to thy cross I cling Naked come to thee for dress Helpless look to thee for grace Foul I to the fountain fly Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath When my eyelids close in death When I soar to worlds unknown See thee on thy judgment throne Rock of Ages cleft for me Let me hide myself in thee

## CELEBRATING COMMUNION

## Announcements

### Benediction

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. 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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