



CHRIST THE KING
— PRESBYTERIAN —

THE LORD'S DAY – SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

“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.

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 - from Psalm 46

Leader: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Leader: *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.*

People: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

Leader: *The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.*

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of
Jacob is our fortress.

Leader: *“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”*

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

“Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior”

by Glen Campbell, Roy Bubba Smith, and Tim Akers

Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

Let me at Thy throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition,
Help my unbelief.

Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

Trusting only in Thy merit,
Would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by Thy grace.

Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

Thou the spring of all my comfort,
More than life to me,
Whom have I on earth beside Thee,
Whom in Heaven but Thee.

Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

“Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted ”

by Joseph Swain and Kevin Twit

Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross behold the crown

Look to Jesus

Look to Jesus

Look to Jesus

Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it
Love will make your obedience sweet
Christ will give you strength to bear it
While His grace shall guide your feet

Safe to glory

Safe to glory

Safe to glory

Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessed are the eyes that see Him,
Bless the ears that hear His voice;
Blessed are the souls that trust Him,
And in Him, alone rejoice;

His commandments

His commandments

His commandments

Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary,
Light to newly opened eyes,
Like full springs in deserts dreary,
Is the rest the cross supplies;

All who taste it
All who taste it
All who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise

PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 24:10-16

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

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

O holy and righteous God, we often dare your justice, mock your mercy, presume your patience, slight your power, and ignore your love. Sometimes our apologies are trite and our repentance is stale. So we humbly ask your help to see how we have wronged you, to confess how we have grieved others, and to depend upon your mercy and pardon.

[silent confession]

We boldly ask your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

“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
This 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

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

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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

People: Thanks be to God!

“Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven”

by Henry F. Lyte and John Goss

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me, his praises sing?

Praise Him, Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King!
Praise Him, Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor
To our fathers in distress.
Praise him, still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.

**Praise Him, Praise Him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!
Praise Him, Praise Him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!**

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.

Praise Him, Praise Him!
Widely yet his mercy flows!
Praise Him, Praise Him!
Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.

Praise Him, Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace!
Praise Him, Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

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.

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

translation by Edward Caswell

tune by Joseph Barnby

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

To Thee, my God above,
I cry with glowing love,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The fairest graces spring
In hearts that ever sing,
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this,
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th' eternal song
Through all the ages long,
May Jesus Christ be praised!

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

THE SENDING - 2 Cor 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

“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



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