



CHRIST THE KING  
— PRESBYTERIAN —

THE LORD'S DAY – SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

“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 - Romans 11:33-36

**All:** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?

**Leader:** *For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.*

**All:** Amen.



# PRAYER OF ADORATION

# “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Words: *John Newton*

*Arrangement: Joshua Bennetch*

Glorious things of thee are spoken  
Zion City of our God.  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for his own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river,  
Ever flows thy thirst assuage?  
Grace which like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,  
Washed in the Redeemer's blood;  
Jesus whom their souls rely on,  
Makes them kings and priests to God:

'Tis his love his people raises,  
Over self to reign as kings,  
And as priests his solemn praises  
Each for a thank offering brings.



Savior, if of Zion's city,  
I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.

Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures  
None but Zion's children know.

# “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*by John Bacchus Dykes and Reginald Heber*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning,  
our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Falling down before Thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy!  
Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,  
in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

# FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:13-21

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!



## CONFESSION OF SIN

**Leader:** *When we cry out to the Lord in our trouble,*

**All:** he will deliver us from our distress.

**Leader:** *God will bring us out of darkness*

**All:** and out of the shadow of death.

**Leader:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** *Christ, have mercy.*

**All:** Christ, have mercy.

**Leader:** *Lord, have mercy.*

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

*Pause for a moment of personal confession.*

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** *May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.*

**All:** Amen

# “Sweet Comfort”

*by Sandra McCracken and Latifah Phillips*

Whatever my God ordains is right  
His holy will abides  
I will be still what'er He does  
And follow where He guides

Sweet comfort, sweet comfort  
Yet shall fill my heart  
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort  
Sorrow shall depart

Whatever my God ordains is right  
He makes my feet to stand  
Though sorrow need or death be mine  
He holds me in His hand



Sweet comfort, sweet comfort  
Yet shall fill my heart  
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort  
Sorrow shall depart

This bitter cup I take it  
My fainting heart restored  
So here I stand unshaken  
I trust upon the Lord

Sweet comfort, sweet comfort  
Yet shall fill my heart  
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort  
Sorrow shall depart

He is my God though dark my road  
He holds me I shall not fall  
What'er my God ordains is right  
To Him I leave it all

Sweet comfort, sweet comfort  
Yet shall fill my heart  
Sweet comfort, sweet comfort  
Sorrow shall depart

## 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

Judges 8:1–35

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!



“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

# CELEBRATING COMMUNION

# CONFESSION OF FAITH

## **Heidelberg Catechism - Q&A 1**

**Q.** *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

**A.** That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

*(cont.)*

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.



**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.*

“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.

# CELEBRATING COMMUNION

# Announcements

# Benediction

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

**All: 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.



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