

GOD CALLS AND CLEANSSES US

Gathering Song

Colossians 3
Chuck Andrews

REFRAIN: *As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
holy and beloved of the Father,
Let us clothe ourselves with hearts of His compassion
Forgiving one another in His love.*

So set your minds on things above
Where Jesus hides you in His love.
Let your old ways be crucified.
It was for this our Savior died.

REFRAIN

Now we are heirs of God above
We share the riches of His love
Let us be patient when we speak
And through His pow'r may we be meek.

REFRAIN

Now in one Body we are found,
When by His cords of love we're bound.
This binding love, it sets us free,
Turns our discord to harmony!

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Welcome, Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 46

LEADER: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
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.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how He has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
He burns the chariots with fire.
“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”
The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Prayer of Invocation

Worship Singing

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

HIS FAITHFULNESS

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Based on Psalm 46
 Martin Luther, 1529
 Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

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 Martin Luther, 1529

The Tender Love a Father Has

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As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. Ps. 103:13

1. The ten - der love a fa - ther has for all his chil - dren dear,
 2. The Lord re - mem - bers we are dust, and all our frail - ty knows;
 3. The flow'r is with - ered by the wind that smites with blight - ing breath;
 4. Un - chang - ing is the love of God, from age to age the same,
 5. Those who his gra - cious cov - 'nant keep the Lord will ev - er bless;

such love the Lord be - stows on them who wor - ship him in fear.
 man's days are like the ten - der grass, and as the flow'r he grows.
 • so man is quick - ly swept a - way be - fore the blast of death.
 dis - played to all who do his will and rev - er - ence his name.
 their chil - dren's chil - dren shall re - joice to see his righ - teous - ness.

Confession of Sin and of Christ's Saving Work

Adapted from Psalm 19:12-14; Psalm 32; Psalm 51; Psalm 139:23-24; Hebrews 4:14-16; 1 John 1:5-2:2

ALL: Dear Father, I readily acknowledge that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. As I consider Your holiness, I confess that in and of myself I am unholy and deserving of Your just wrath. I claim only the shed blood of Christ as that which cleanses me from sin, and the righteousness of Christ which clothes me in Your presence. Help me to see my sins clearly in attitudes and actions, in subtle and obvious ways, in commission and omission, and in any way I dishonor You.

Father, thank You that through Christ's death and resurrection I have died to sin's power and have been raised to newness of life in Him. Thank You for giving me the Spirit of Your Son who indwells and strengthens me as Your child.

I claim Christ in all His offices: as my Prophet who teaches me, as my Priest who saves me by His atoning death, and as my King to reign in and over me. Having Christ to cleanse me from sin and to cover me with His righteousness, I renounce my own righteousness as filthy rags. Having a place and privilege as a member of Christ's body, I renounce my self-centeredness and truly seek to lovingly trust and obey You.

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me" (Galatians 2:20).

Prayer for the Church and the World

Worship through Giving: Worship Singing

How Great Is Our God

Tomlin | Cash | Reeves (2004)

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice

REFRAIN: *How great is our God,
Sing with me How great is our God
And all will see how great How great is our God*

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb; The Lion and the Lamb **REFRAIN**

Name above all names; Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing - How great is our God
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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

A Broken Deliverer: The Samson Story
Judges 16:15-22 | The Source of the Problem

Chad Smith

¹⁵ Then she said to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when your heart is not with me? You have deceived me these three times and have not told me where your great strength is.” ¹⁶ It came about when she pressed him daily with her words and urged him, that his soul was annoyed to death. ¹⁷ So he told her all *that was* in his heart and said to her, “A razor has never come on my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother’s womb. If I am shaved, then my strength will leave me and I will become weak and be like any other man.”

¹⁸ When Delilah saw that he had told her all *that was* in his heart, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, “Come up once more, for he has told me all *that is* in his heart.” Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hands. ¹⁹ She made him sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his hair. Then she began to afflict him, and his strength left him. ²⁰ She said, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” And he awoke from his sleep and said, “I will go out as at other times and shake myself free.” But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him. ²¹ Then the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes; and they brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze chains, and he was a grinder in the prison. ²² However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it was shaved off.

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(CUP) Musical Offering | Worship Singing

Take My Life and Let It Be

At 8:30, verses 1-2 will be sung by Danielle Teague

At 11:00, congregation sings all verses

1 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
swift and beautiful for Thee.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
filled with messages from Thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,
it shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.

Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
ever, only, all for Thee.

GOD SENDS US

God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing