

GOD CALLS US

Gathering Song

Heal Us, Emmanuel
Cowper | Morton, Twit (2015)

REFRAIN: *Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are
We long to feel Thy touch
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly
O Savior hear our cry*

Our faith is feeble, we confess;
we faintly trust Thy word.
But will You pity us the less?
Be that far from You Lord! **REFRAIN**

Remember him who once applied
with trembling for relief.
“Lord, I believe,” with tears he cried
“O help my unbelief!” **REFRAIN**

She, too, who touched You in the press
and healing virtue stole
Was answered, “Daughter, go in peace
Thy faith has made thee whole.” **REFRAIN**

Like her, with hopes and fears we come
to touch You if we may.
O send us not despairing home;
send none unhealed away **REFRAIN X2**

Welcome, Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 40:1-3, 16

LEADER: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. But may all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; May those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”

Prayer of Invocation

Worship Singing

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

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How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Ps. 104:24

1. God, all na - ture sings thy glo - ry, and thy works pro - claim thy might;
2. Clear - er still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;
3. But our sins have spoiled thine im - age; na - ture, con - science on - ly serve
4. God of glo - ry, pow - er, mer - cy, all cre - a - tion prais - es thee;

or - dered vast - ness in the heav - ens, or - dered course of day and night;
rul - er of cre - a - tion's glo - ry, im - age of thy maj - es - ty.
as un - ceas - ing, grim re - mind - ers of the wrath which we de - serve.
we, thy crea - tures, would a - dore thee now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

beau - ty in the chang - ing sea - sons, beau - ty in the storm - ing sea;
Mu - sic, art, the fruit - ful gar - den, all the la - bor of his days,
Yet thy grace and sav - ing mer - cy in thy Word of truth re - vealed
Saved to mag - ni - fy thy good - ness, grant us strength to do thy will;

all the chang - ing moods of na - ture praise the change - less Trin - i - ty.
are the call - ing of his Mak - er to the har - vest feast of praise.
claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Je - sus sealed.
with our acts as with our voic - es thy com - mand - ments to ful - fill.

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Confession of Sin

Psalm 130

LEADER: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice!
Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

ALL: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

LEADER: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with Him is plentiful redemption.
And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins,
the righteous for the unrighteous,
that He might bring us to God,
being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit.

Worship Singing

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)
Chapman | Hall | Bleecker (2009)

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men my example is He
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us
His glory revealed

REFRAIN: *Living He loved me dying He saved me*
Buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming — O glorious day, O glorious day.

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish despised and rejected
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He
The hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree
and took the nails from me **REFRAIN**

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose over death He had conquered
Now is ascended my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him; the grave could not keep Him
from rising again

REFRAIN: *Living He loved me dying He saved me
Buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming — O glorious day, O glorious day, glorious day!*

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine.

REFRAIN: *Living He loved me dying He saved me
Buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming — O glorious day, O glorious day, glorious day, O glorious day.*

Prayer for the Church and the World

Worship Though Giving: Musical Offering

Steadfast

Written by Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, and Josh Silverberg
With adaptations from Henri Nouwen
Sung by Joy Voigt and Caroline Clark

*I will build my house, whether storm or drought, on the rock that does not move
I will set my hope In your love, O Lord and your faithfulness will prove
You are steadfast, steadfast.*

*By the word you spoke, all the starry host are called out by name each night.
In your watchful care I will rest secure as you lead us with Your light.
You are steadfast, steadfast.*

*I will not trust in the strength of kings; on Your promise I will stand.
I will shout for joy; I will raise my voice - Hallelujah to the Lamb!
You are steadfast, steadfast.*

*In the moment of emptiness all was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness Your light was revealed
In the presence of death Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness, You are still God.*

You are steadfast, steadfast. You are steadfast, steadfast.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

A Broken Deliverer: The Samson Story
Judges 15:9-20 | *Samson's Finest Moment*

Chad Smith

⁹ Then the Philistines went up and camped in Judah, and spread out in Lehi. ¹⁰ The men of Judah said, “Why have you come up against us?” And they said, “We have come up to bind Samson in order to do to him as he did to us.” ¹¹ Then 3,000 men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam and said to Samson, “Do you not know that the Philistines are rulers over us? What then is this that you have done to us?” And he said to them, “As they did to me, so I have done to them.” ¹² They said to him, “We have come down to bind you so that we may give you into the hands of the Philistines.” And Samson said to them, “Swear to me that you will not kill me.” ¹³ So they said to him, “No, but we will bind you fast and give you into their hands; yet surely we will not kill you.” Then they bound him with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock.

¹⁴ When he came to Lehi, the Philistines shouted as they met him. And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him mightily so that the ropes that were on his arms were as flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds dropped from his hands. ¹⁵ He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, so he reached out and took it and killed a thousand men with it. ¹⁶ Then Samson said,

“With the jawbone of a donkey,
Heaps upon heaps,
With the jawbone of a donkey
I have killed a thousand men.”

¹⁷ When he had finished speaking, he threw the jawbone from his hand; and he named that place Ramath-lehi. ¹⁸ Then he became very thirsty, and he called to the Lord and said, “You have given this great deliverance by the hand of Your servant, and now shall I die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?” ¹⁹ But God split the hollow place that is in Lehi so that water came out of it. When he drank, his strength returned and he revived. Therefore he named it En-hakkore, which is in Lehi to this day. ²⁰ So he judged Israel twenty years in the days of the Philistines.

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Worship Singing

My Song is Love, Unknown

Crossman, Cruise, Mark

My song is love unknown; the Savior's love for me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be;
For who am I, that in my place, my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

My song is love unbound, for love has conquered death,
and love the vict'ry won in this, His parting breath;
For with the cry that all is done vain darkness fell before the Son.

My song is love enthroned, where angel voices raise
to magnify the Son and sing the Father's praise;
So shall I stand, in glorious throng and add my praises to that song.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Townend (1995)

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

Psalm 76 (God Is Known among His People)

Words: The Psalter, 1912, alt. | add. lyrics, chorus, and music: Zac Hicks (2009)

God is known among His people, every mouth His praises fill.
From of old He has established His abode on Zion's hill.
There He broke the sword and arrow; bade the noise of war be still.

Excellent and glorious are You, with Your trophies from the fray.
You have slain the mighty warriors. Wrapped in sleep of death are they.
When Your anger once is risen who can stand in that dread day?

REFRAIN: *Awesome is the revelation - God is known among us here!*
Loudest songs of exultation - God is known among us here!

When from heav'n Your sentence sounded, all the earth in fear was still.
While to save the meek and lowly God, in judgment, wrought His will.
E'en the wrath of man shall praise You, Your designs it shall fulfill.

REFRAIN: *Awesome is the revelation - God is known among us here!*
Loudest songs of exultation - God is known among us here!

Vow and pay unto Jehovah; Him your God forever own.
All men, bring your gifts before Him. Worship Him, and Him alone.
Mighty kings obey and fear Him. Princes bow before His throne!

REFRAIN: *Awesome is the revelation - God is known among us here!*
Loudest songs of exultation - God is known among us here!

Who is this King of Glory?

His name is Jesus! Jesus! Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God
His name is Jesus! Jesus! Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace
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REFRAIN 2: *Awesome is the revelation - God is known among us here!*
Loudest songs of jubilation - God does now in flesh appear!
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God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing