

January 21, 2018  
Third Sunday after Epiphany

## GOD CALLS AND CLEANSSES US

### Gathering Song

*Come Praise and Glorify*

Chester | Kauflin (2011)

Come praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord  
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms His blessings on us poured  
For pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be  
And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally

**REFRAIN:** *To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace  
To the praise of Your glory  
You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God, who gives His grace in Christ  
In Him our sins are washed away, Redeemed through sacrifice  
In Him God has made known to us the myst'ry of His will  
That Christ should be the head of all His purpose to fulfill

### **REFRAIN**

Come praise and glorify our God, for we've believed the Word  
And through our faith we have a seal--the Spirit of the Lord  
The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption's done  
Until we join in endless praise to God, the Three in One

### **REFRAIN X2**

### Welcome, Greeting and Announcements

### Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-2

**LEADER:** O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!  
Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

### Prayer of Invocation

## Worship Singing

*Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted*

Swain | Twit (2013)

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.

Blessèd are the, eyes that see Him,  
    Blest the ears that, hear His voice;  
Blessèd 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.

Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;  
    Look to Jesus; Mercy flows through Him alone.

## Responsive Reading

from Ephesians 1-2

**LEADER:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
    who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing  
    in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him  
    before the foundation of the world,  
    that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

**ALL:** **In love He predestined us for adoption as sons  
    through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will,  
    to the praise of His glorious grace,  
    with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.**

**LEADER:** In Him we have redemption through His blood;  
We have the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,  
which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.  
Because He loves you as His own dear children,  
confess your sins to God silently.

**-silent confession of sin-**

**LEADER:** You were dead in the trespasses and sins  
in which you once walked, following the course of this world,  
following the prince of the power of the air,  
the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all  
once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and  
the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

**ALL:** **But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved  
us, even when we were dead in our trespasses,  
made us alive together with Christ—by grace we have been saved.**

**LEADER:** He raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places  
in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show  
the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.  
In Jesus our sins are forgiven!

**Worship Singing**

*He Has Done It All*

Rexford (2007)

Jesus gave Himself for our sins, Jesus gave Himself for our sins,  
So He might rescue us from this evil age, to the glory of His great Father's praise.  
How great my sin, but greater still the grace of God;  
I had no hope of finding Him, but He reached down  
And opened my eyes; He opened my eyes!

**REFRAIN:** *Praise Him, O my soul! He has done it all, He has done it all.  
He found me in my sin, and He's changing me to the image of Him;  
My God has done it all!*

So I'll run after Him for His pleasure, not to gain His love, or His favor,  
I may walk in joy or on painful paths, but my hope's still sure when He's all I have  
How great my sin, but greater still the grace of God  
I had no hope of finding Him, but He reached down  
And opened my eyes; He opened my eyes! **REFRAIN**

He opened my eyes, He opened my eyes!  
*Praise Him, O my soul! He has done it all, He has done it all.  
He found me in my sin, He restores my soul again and again,  
My God has done it, Our God has done it, Yes, God has done it all!*

## Reception of New Members

(8:30) Robert & Louisa Perkin  
Bill Perkin, John Perkin, Titus Tyson

(11:00) Lucie Pittman

## Sacrament of Baptism

(8:30) Bill Perkin

## Prayer for the Church and the World

## Worship through Giving:

**(8:30) Worship Singing**    *Hark, the Voice of Love and Mercy*

Taken from the Gadsby Hymnal #93

Words: Attributed to Jonathan Evans, 1784 & Benjamin Francis, 1787.

Music: Jeff Koonce, 2005.

Hark, the voice of love and mercy,  
Sounds aloud from Calvary!

See, it rends the rocks asunder,  
Shakes the earth and veils the sky!

“It is finished, It is finished,” Hear the dying Savior cry.

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“It is finished,” O what pleasure,  
Do these charming words afford.

Heav’nly blessings, without measure,  
Flow to us from Christ the Lord.

“It is finished, it is finished,” Saints the dying words record.

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Finished all the types and shadows,  
Of the ceremonial law;  
Finished all that God had promised;  
Death and hell no more shall awe.

“It is finished, it is finished,” Saints from hence your comfort draw.

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Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs;  
Join to sing the pleasing theme;  
Saints on earth and all in heaven,  
Join to praise Immanuel’s name.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory to the risen lamb!  
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It is finished! It is finished! Glory to the risen lamb!

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## (11:00) Adult Choir

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg (2016)

O Love, O Love, O Love that will not let me go,  
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Joy, O Joy, O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

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## GOD SPEAKS TO US

**Sermon**

**James: Undefined Religion**

**Chad Smith**

James 1:5-11 | *Don't Forget Immanuel*

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup> But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, <sup>8</sup> being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

<sup>9</sup> But the brother of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position; <sup>10</sup> and the rich man is to glory in his humiliation, because like flowering grass he will pass away. <sup>11</sup> For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.

# GOD STRENGTHENS US

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Gluten/Soy-free crackers are in the paper liners of each tray.

(BREAD)

(8:30) **Adult Choir** *O Love*

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## **GOD SENDS US**

### **God’s Promise of His Presence and Blessing**