

July 23, 2017

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost | Ordinary Time

GOD CALLS AND CLEANSSES US

Gathering Song

How Great Thou Art

Hine (1949)

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

REFRAIN: *Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee :
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
How great Thou art!*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

Welcome, Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 97

LEADER: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. Fire goes before Him and burns up His adversaries all around. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory. All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship Him, all you gods!

Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of Your judgments, O LORD. For You, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.

O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!

Prayer of Invocation

Confession of Faith + Gloria Patri

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one essence with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen, amen.

Worship Singing

God Be Merciful to Me

Stewart (2000)

God, be merciful to me, On Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace And provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just, Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the snow.
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from Thee, Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, Steadfast make my willing heart.
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Awake, Awake, O Heart of Mine!

Crosby | Moore (2005)

Awake, awake, O heart of mine! Sing praise to God above;
Take up the song of endless years, And sing redeeming love!
Redeemed by Him Who bore my sins, When on the cross He died;
Redeemed and purchased with His blood, Redeemed and justified.

REFRAIN: *Awake, awake, awake o heart of mine!*

Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise to God above;

Take up the song of endless years, and sing redeeming love!

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Redeemed by Him, my Lord and King, Who saves me day by day;
My life and all its ransomed powers could ne'er His love repay.

And yet His mercy condescends my humble gift to own;
And through the riches of His grace, He brings me near His throne. **REFRAIN**

O love, unchanging, love sublime! Not all the hosts above
Can reach the height or sound the depth of God's eternal love.
This wondrous love enfolds the world, It fills the realms above;
'Tis boundless as eternity; Oh, praise the God of love! **REFRAIN**

Prayer for the Church and the World

Worship through Giving

Musical Offering

There is Power in the Blood
Lewis E. Jones | Arr. by Bill Wolaver (2007)
Anthony D. Moore, piano

*There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

A Broken Deliverer: The Samson Story
Judges 15:1-8 | P

Stephen Bates

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(CUP) Worship Singing

There Is a Redeemer
Green (1982)

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son.
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

REFRAIN: *Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. **REFRAIN**

When I stand in glory, I shall see His face,
And there I'll serve my king forever in that holy place. **REFRAIN**

GOD SENDS US

God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing