

GOD CALLS US

Gathering Song

How Great Thou Art
Hine (1949)

O 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!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
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 27:1-4

LEADER: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

ALL: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

LEADER: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

ALL: **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

LEADER: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

ALL: **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.**

LEADER: Come, Let us worship the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Worship Singing

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

A friend of... "sinners." Matt. 11:19

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;

friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 • e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

REFRAIN

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

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Confession of Sin | Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 27:5-14; 1 John 1:8-9

LEADER: The LORD will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;
He will conceal me under the cover of His tent;
He will lift me high upon a rock.

ALL: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

LEADER: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
You have said, "Seek My face."
My heart says to You, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

ALL: Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger,
O You who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

LEADER: For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.
Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole
heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in
your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

LEADER: Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies. I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the
LORD in the land of the living!

ALL: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

LEADER: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

Reception of New Member

Libby Walton

Worship Though Giving: Musical Offering

Marvelous Light

Words and Music by Ellie Holcomb and Rusty Varenkamp

Sung by Julie Harrison and Caroline Clark

*I am not who I once was, defined by all the things I've done
afraid my shame would be exposed, afraid of really being known
but then you gave my heart a home*

REFRAIN: *So I walked out of the darkness and into the light
From fear of shame into the hope of life
Mercy called my name and made a way to fly
Out of the darkness and into the light*

*Years of keeping secrets safe, wondering if I could change
'Cause when you're hiding all alone, your heart can turn into a stone.
And that's not the way I want to go. REFRAIN*

*There's no place I'd rather be
Your light is marvelous, your light is marvelous
You have come to set us free
You are marvelous, your light is marvelous to me. REFRAIN*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

*The Church | 1 Peter 2:1-10
The "Them"*

Chad Smith

Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, ² like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, ³ if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

⁴ And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For this is contained in Scripture:

*"BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER stone,
AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."*

⁷ This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve,

"THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone,"

⁸ and,

"A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE";

for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed.

⁹ But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Musical Offering

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Wesley (1738) | Forrest (2014); sung by the Adult Choir

And can it be? And can it be?

Amazing love, how can it be?

*And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

*He left His Father's throne above So free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For O my God, it found out me!*

*And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?
No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living head, And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

*Amazing love! How can it be,
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

Worship Singing

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Getty & Townend (2006)

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
may Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth;
cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
that in unity the face of Christ
will be clear for all the world to see.

The Lord Is King
Crosby | Moore (2009)

Hear the everlasting song, breaking through the sky:
"Glory, glory be to God, to God on high!"
Through the blessed courts of light saints and angels, joyfully singing,
Strike their harps and shout aloud, "The Lord is King!"

REFRAIN: *Let the heavens be glad, and let the whole earth rejoice,
And let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"
Let the heavens be glad, and let the whole earth rejoice,
And let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"
The Lord is King!*

Hear the loud triumphant song, o'er the world resound:
Like a mighty ocean rolls the glad, glad sound:
"Hallelujah! praise the Lord!" distant lands His triumph singing,
Lift their voice and shout aloud, "The Lord is King!" **REFRAIN**

Praise the blessed Three in One, all ye heav'nly host:
Praise the Father, praise the Son, And Holy Ghost!
As it was in all the past, through eternal ages ringing,
Ransomed ones shall still proclaim, "The Lord is King!"

REFRAIN: *Let the heavens be glad, and let the whole earth rejoice,
And let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"
Let the heavens be glad, and let the whole earth rejoice,
And let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"
The Lord is King! The Lord is King! The Lord is King!*

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God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing