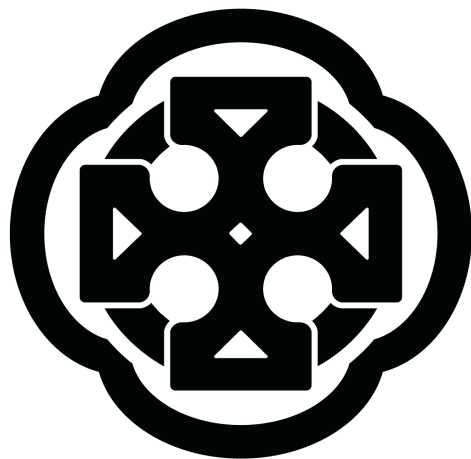




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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Ordinary Time
August 17th, 2025

Quotes for Reflection

Sin is not canceled by lawful living, for no person is able to live up to the Law. The Law reveals guilt, fills the conscience with terror, and drives men to despair. Much less is sin taken away by man-invented endeavors. The fact is, the more a person seeks credit for himself by his own efforts, the deeper he goes into debt. Nothing can take away sin except the grace of God. In actual living, however, it is not so easy to persuade oneself that by grace alone, in opposition to every other means, we obtain the forgiveness of our sins and peace with God.

—Martin Luther

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves: the King opens His gates and welcomes us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—Galatians 2:16

A person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.

Sung Response—Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven, Vs. 1

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 2/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line.

Praise, my soul, the King of Heav - en, to His feet your trib - ute bring;

Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, His praise should sing?

Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the ev - er - last-ing King.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyte, 1834;
Music: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss, 1869.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 67:3-5

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

Reader 1: For You judge the peoples with equity.

Reader 2: You guide the nations upon earth.

All: Let the peoples praise You, O God!

Pastor: Let all the peoples praise You!

Congregational Hymn—Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

The musical score is written for a congregational hymn in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of six systems, each with a vocal melody line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a strong emphasis on the first and third beats of each measure. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment, often using chords and single notes. The lyrics are written in a mix of standard and italicized fonts, with hyphens used to indicate syllables across measures.

Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by Thy help I'm come;
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
And I hope, by Thy good pleas-ure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan-d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang-ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: NETTLETON, Asahel Nettleton, 1825.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. In His Word, God particularly calls us to sing psalms: while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to use the Psalter as the church's songbook.

Congregational Psalm—The King In Your Strength Shall Be Glad (Psalm 21)



O Je - ho - vah, the king in Your strength shall be glad,
Through sal - va - tion from You is his fame wide - ly spread,
You will stretch forth Your hand on the heads of Your foes,
And shall in Your sal - va - tion re - joice;— for You free - ly have giv - en each
For the maj - es - ty You did im - part— O most bles - sed for - ev - er the
On Your hat - ers a right hand of pow'r, then Your wrath shall a-round them like
Wish his heart had, You at - tend to the cries of his voice.—
King has been made, and Your pres - ence has glad - dened his heart.—
Fur - nace flames close; for Je - ho - vah's own wrath shall de - vour.—
All the bless - ings he craved You did grac - ious - ly give,
For the king in the name of Je - ho - vah Most High
From the earth shall their race be con - sumed and de - stroyed,
You will turn back your foes; You will put them to flight,
With the pur - est of gold he is crowned.— When he asked of You life, You
Did un - wav - er - ing con - fi - dence place;— through His great lov - ing - kind - ness
And their off - spring for - ev - er shall fail;— by the e - vil they plot - ted,
When Your ar - rows are aimed at their face.— Be ex - al - ted Je - ho - vah,
Have made him to live, while the ag - es shall cir - cle a - round.
He still will re - ly on the High - est, and stand by His grace.
The schemes they em - ployed. they shall nev - er a - gainst You pre - vail.
In strength and in might; we will sing of Your pow - er and grace.

Text: Psalm 21:1-13, *The Psalter*, 1898, alt. 2021; Music: KING PHILIP, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

Scripture Reading—Amos 9:11-15

“In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by My name,” declares the Lord who does this. “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them,” says the Lord your God.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—Fountain Of Never Ceasing Grace



Foun - tain of nev - er ceas - ing grace, Thy saints' ex - haust - less theme,
Whom Heaven's an - ge - lic host a - dores, was slaugh - tered for our sin;
In Him we have a right - eous - ness, by God Him - self ap - proved;
Our souls His watch - ful love re - trieves, nor lets them go a - stray,



Great ob - ject of im - mor - tal praise, es - sen - tial - ly su - preme;
The guilt, O Lord was whol - ly ours, the pun - ish - ment was Thine:
Our rock, our sure foun - da - tion this, which nev - er can be moved.
His right - eous - ness to us He gives, and takes our sins a - way:



We bless Thee for the glor - ious fruits Thine in - car - na - tion gives;
Our God in flesh, to set us free, was man - i - fest - ed here;
Our ran - som by His death He paid, for all His peo - ple giv'n,
We claim sal - va - tion in His right, a - dop - ted and for - giv'n,



The right - eous - ness which grace im - putes, and faith a - lone re - ceives.
And meek - ly bare our sins, that we His right - eous - ness might wear.
The law He per - fect - ly o - beyed, that they might en - ter Heav'n.
His mer - it is our robe of light, His death the gate of Heav'n.

Text: Augustus Toplady, 1774; Music: KINGSFOLD, Old English Folk Song,
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

Sermon Text—Acts 15:1-21

But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” ² And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. ³ So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. ⁴ When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. ⁵ But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.”

⁶ The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. ⁷ And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸ And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as He did to us, ⁹ and He made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. ¹⁰ Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹ But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

¹² And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles. ¹³ After they finished speaking, James replied, “Brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴ Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for His name. ¹⁵ And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, ¹⁶ “‘After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, ¹⁷ that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the Lord, who makes these things ¹⁸ known from of old.’ ¹⁹ Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, ²⁰ but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood. ²¹ For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ, Vs. 5

Thy right - eous - ness, O Christ, a - lone can cov - er me:

No right-eous - ness a - vails save that which is of Thee.

To whom, save Thee, who can a-lone for sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in 4/4 time. The melody is in the Treble staff, and the bass line is in the Bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The score consists of three systems of music. The first system has two lines of music. The second system has two lines of music. The third system has two lines of music. The lyrics are: 'Thy right - eous - ness, O Christ, a - lone can cov - er me:', 'No right-eous - ness a - vails save that which is of Thee.', and 'To whom, save Thee, who can a-lone for sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?'. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and a supporting bass line.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1857; Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770.

Sermon—*What Must You Do To Be Saved?*

—Pastor, James Crampton

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—based on Galatians 5:1, 4, 13

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. For freedom Christ has set us free, but we have not stood firm. We have submitted again to a yoke of slavery and turned away from grace.

All: When we look to the law to justify us, we are severed from Christ.

Pastor: You were called to freedom, brothers.

All: But we have used our freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, rather than serving one another through love.

Assurance of Pardon—Galatians 2:19-21; Romans 3:23-24

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified by His grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Sung Response—Come Ye Souls, By Sin Afflicted, Vs. 1



Come, ye souls by sin af - flict - ed, bowed with fruit - less sor - row down;



By the bro - ken law con - vict - ed, through the cross be - hold the crown;



Look to Je - sus; mer - cy flows through Him a - lone.

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Text: Joseph Swain, 1792; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2005.

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM

God feeds the faith of His people by giving them a meal. As God fellowships with them in faith, His people pledge their obedience to God and their love for one another.

Profession of Faith—*The Nicene Creed*

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died, and was buried;
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and now sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick 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 together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church—both seen and unseen;
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.

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

WOMEN

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

MEN

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea-ven and Earth are

Hea-ven and Earth are full of Your glo-ry, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

full of Your glo-ry, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9;
Music: CLOVERCROFT SANCTUS, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Congregational Hymn—My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness



My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who bore my pain;
My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who walks be - side;
My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who reigns a - bove;



Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;
Who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es fears to fly.
Whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love.



Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me with His light
Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take.
For ev - 'ry day I have on Earth is giv - en by the King.



And wrote His law of right-eous - ness with pow'r up-on my heart.
Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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Text and Music: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty, 2003.

Congregational Hymn—Amazing Grace!

A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His Word my hope se - cures;
When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
He will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: NEW BRITAIN, Traditional American Melody,
Columbian Harmony, 1829, Harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900.

GOD’S PEOPLE GRATEFULLY RESPOND WITH THEIR PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS, AND PRAISE

Praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship, moving our faith from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings. Offering boxes for both tithes and alms are located in the foyer.

Pastoral Prayer

Corporate Prayer—*The Lord’s Prayer*

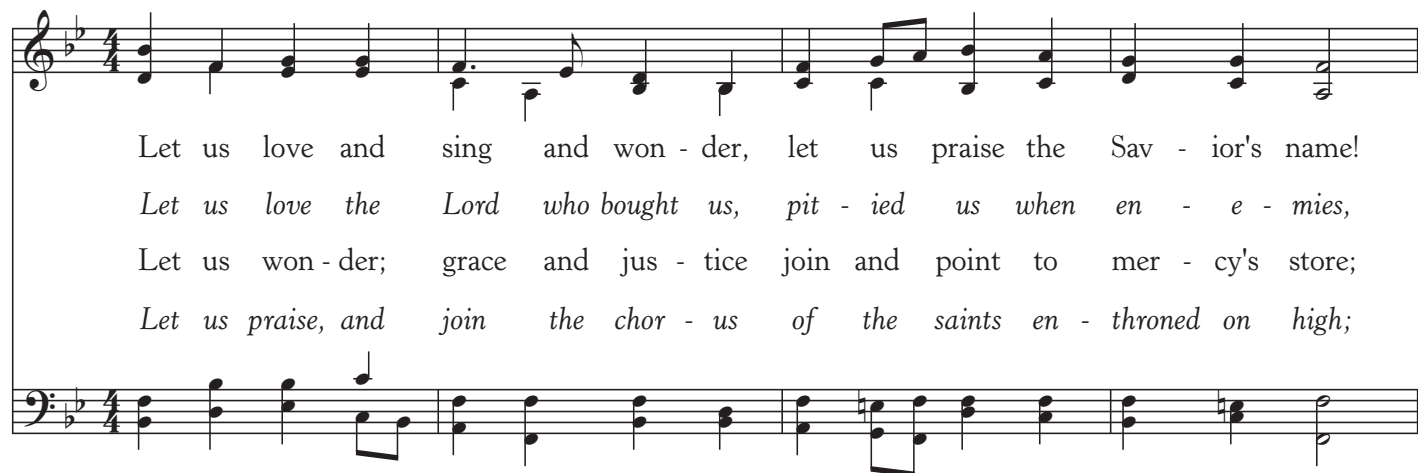
Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,
On Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

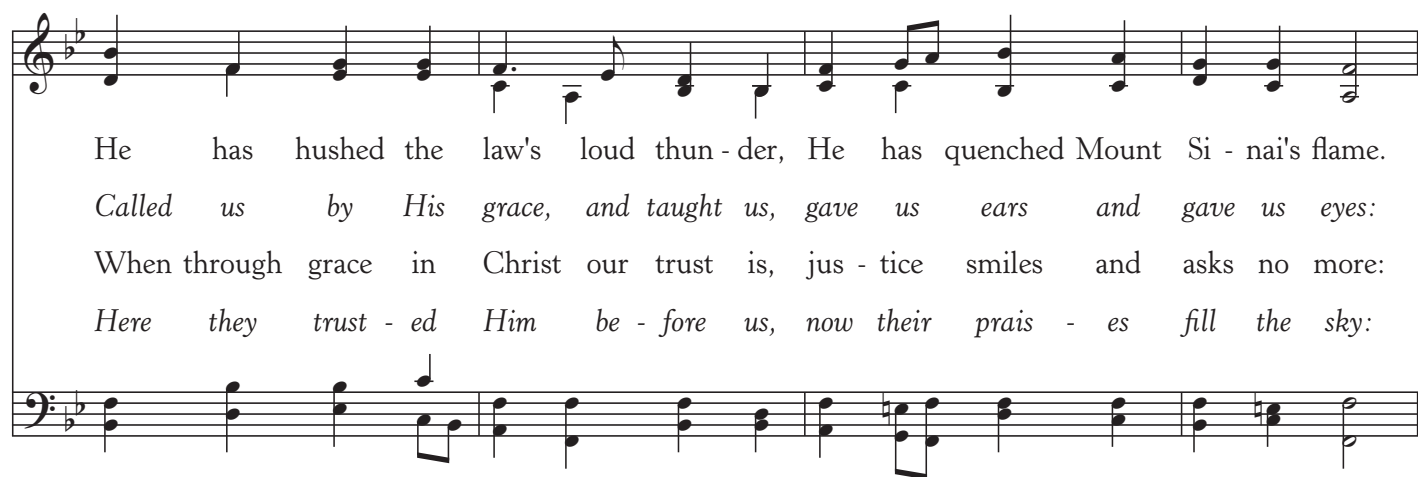
For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

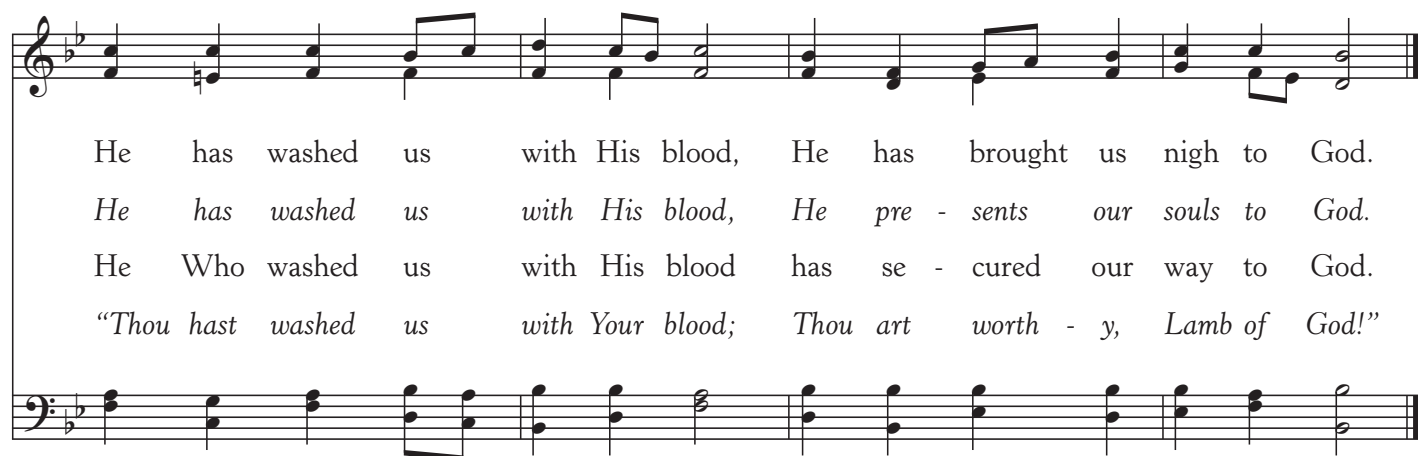
Congregational Hymn—Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder



Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the Sav - ior's name!
Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,
Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and point to mer - cy's store;
Let us praise, and join the chor - us of the saints en - throned on high;



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der, He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame.
Called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
When through grace in Christ our trust is, jus - tice smiles and asks no more:
Here they trust - ed Him be - fore us, now their prais - es fill the sky:



He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.
He has washed us with His blood, He pre - sents our souls to God.
He Who washed us with His blood has se - cured our way to God.
"Thou hast washed us with Your blood; Thou art worth - y, Lamb of God!"

Text: John Newton, 1774; Music: ALL SAINTS OLD,
Darmstadt Gesangbuch, 1698.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—from Psalm 67:1-2

May God be gracious to you and bless you and make His face to shine upon you. May His way be known on earth, His saving power among all nations. *Amen.*

Sung Response—All Creatures Of Our God And King, Vs. 4



Let all things their Cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship Him in hum-ble-ness,



O__ praise Him! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the Fa-ther, praise the Son,



And praise the Spir-it, Three in One! O__ praise Him! O__ praise Him!



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, c. 1225, tr. William H. Draper, 1919;
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Cologne, 1623.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

We believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.
—Acts 15:11

This morning's service can really be encapsulated by the Martin Luther quote that you'll find in the inside cover of the bulletin: "Nothing can take away sin except the grace of God." Just like the psalmist puts it in Psalm 21, this morning we will "sing of [His] power and grace" (*The King in Your Strength Shall Be Glad—Psalm 21*). We'll acknowledge that we are daily debtors to grace, and we ask for yet more grace to bind our wandering hearts to our Savior (*Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*). We look to Jesus as the source of this "righteousness which grace imputes and faith alone receives" (*Fountain Of Never Ceasing Grace*). Though convicted by the "broken law," we can trust in Jesus for mercy (*Come, Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted*), knowing that He will sustain us and crown us with grace (*My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness*). Though we were once enemies, Christ "called us by His grace and taught us," hushing the thunder of the law and presenting us to His Father washed in the blood of the Lamb (*Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder*). This truly "amazing grace" is central to the Christian life. It is so central that it was hotly debated at the Jerusalem council in Acts 15, so essential that questions about it launched a reformation in the 16th century, and so vital that we sing about it here at Parish every week.

—Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Circumcise, Save, Debate, Believe, Faith, Holy Spirit, Conversion, Grace

Keystone Verse: But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will. (Acts 15:11)



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