

Readings and Songs for Worship, Sunday, September 13th, 2020

Call to Worship

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

People: Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!

Leader: Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the creative Word He uttered that brought life and grace into being

People: We the sons and daughters of the King, His servants, the children He proclaimed “adopted and saved”, rejoice God’s chosen ones!

Leader: Jesus said, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men and women.”

People: Jesus said, “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”

Leader: Jesus said, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.” *People:* Jesus said, “And whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.”

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the nations and the peoples!

#210 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of
creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and
salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so
wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently
sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and
defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend
thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises
before Him!
Let the "amen"
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

Old Testament Reading—Jeremiah 2:31-35 CEB

People of this generation, listen closely to the
Lord's word:
Have I been a wasteland to Israel
or a land of dense darkness?

Why then do my people say,
 "We have wandered far away;
 we'll come to you no longer"?
Does a young woman forget her jewelry
 or a bride her wedding dress?
Yet you have forgotten me days without end!
 So skilled are you at pursuing lovers
 that you instruct even the most wicked.
Your garments are stained
 with the blood of the innocent poor,
 even though you didn't catch them
 breaking and entering.
Yet, despite all this, you still insist,
 "I'm innocent;
 as a result he will turn his anger away from me."
Because you claim not to have sinned,
 I will pass judgment against you.

New Testament Reading—1 Peter 2:1-10 CEB

Therefore, get rid of all ill will and all deceit, pretense, envy, and slander. Instead, like a newborn baby, desire the pure milk of the word. Nourished by it, you will grow into salvation, since you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Now you are coming to him as to a living stone. Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God's perspective it is chosen, valuable. You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Thus it is written in scripture, Look! I am laying a cornerstone in Zion, chosen, valuable. The person who believes in him will never be shamed.

So God honors you who believe. For those who refuse to believe, though, the stone the builders tossed aside has become the capstone. This is a stone that makes people stumble and a rock that makes them fall. Because they refuse to believe in the word, they stumble. Indeed, this is the end to which they were appointed.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession. You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his amazing light. Once you weren't a people, but now you are God's people. Once you hadn't received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Generous Giver

Verse 1

You don't withhold Your love from us
Arms open wide upon a cross
You give no matter what the cost
Jesus we see You

Verse 2

All of these worlds Your hands have made
A billion stars stretched out in space
These are just echoes of Your grace
Jesus we see You

Chorus

You are the Gen'rous Giver
Your mercy overflows
Your blessing is a river
On and on and on it goes
You are an endless fountain
You're filling up my life
My heart must sing Your praises
Jesus You be glorified

Verse 3

Jesus You reach us in our pain
Your mercy meets us ev'ry day
Your love will never turn away
Jesus we see You

Vamp

On and on
On and on
On and on
Jesus You be glorified

Bridge

You're so much better
You're so much kinder
Than anything we think You are
Your love is deeper
Your love is wider
Open our eyes to see You God

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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory forever, amen.

How He Loves

Verse 1

He is jealous for me loves like a hurricane
I am a tree bending beneath
The weight of His wind and mercy
When all of a sudden I am unaware of
These afflictions eclipsed by glory
I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me

Pre-Chorus

Oh how He loves us so
Oh how He loves us
How He loves us so

Chorus

(Yeah) He loves us
Oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves
(REPEAT)

Verse 2

We are His portion and He is our prize
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes
If grace is an ocean we're all sinking
So Heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest
I don't have time to maintain these regrets
When I think about the way, that

Benediction

People: We hang our lives upon God's mercy that guides our steps along roads that are before us. Lord, we will make time for you and your Word. We will practice Your ways until they are part of us. We will rest in You and Your love. We will be your people. We will support one another, encourage one another, wait for the weak, and pick up the fallen through your strength and love. Wherever we are, we will remember that You Lord always go with us. Go with us now, Lord, this day and forever. Amen.

David: Now go with God who fuels our hopes and quiets our fears everywhere, always.

Sermon Questions for Reflection

1. What things are being torn down in your life or in our world? What is the relationship between how we live and what happens in our world?
2. What new and good things might emerge if old things are torn down?
3. Have you ever experienced something that felt like loss and then been surprised at what good emerged from your experience?
4. What is the most challenging thing you face right now?
5. What keeps you hopeful? What keeps you hopeful during this pandemic?