

Sojourn Gathered | March 15, 2020

Songs and Liturgy

Before the Throne of God Above

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I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
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When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin

Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of Glory and of grace

One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

Call to Worship

Today we gather in homes to celebrate this Lord's Day. Our Christ **is** seated at the right hand of God. The grave could not hold him. In the gospel of John, we learn that God is seeking people to worship Him in spirit and truth. He has redeemed us so that we may rejoice in Him. Every fiber of our being is consecrated to Him and set apart to celebrate Him. You are fulfilling what God created you to do, to worship Him.

Please read aloud **Psalm 150**:

Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
 praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
 praise him according to his excellent greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound;
 praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
 praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with sounding cymbals;
 praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD! (ESV)

Holy Holy Holy

Holy Holy Holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee

Holy Holy Holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Holy Holy Holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea

Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Who was and is
And evermore shall be

Holy Holy Holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see

Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power
In love and purity

Holy Holy Holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea

Holy Holy Holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Confession

As I (Edward) read John 4:27-43 I was led to pray the below corporate prayer of confession for us. I pray it encourages us and inspires us to enjoy the freedom of genuine confession and forgiveness.

"Lord, we are never to cease in marveling at Your glory, holiness, and love, yet some of us no longer marvel at the fact that we know You and are known by You. Forgive others of us who spent more time being in awe of someone or something other than you. We are so quick to give our affections to another. Compassionate Father, have mercy on us.

Father, thank You for Christ's example in how he ministered to and ministered with women. Have mercy on the men in this church who do not truly value women as fellow image bears and sisters in Christ. Forgive other brothers who value the opinions of men more than women. Convict the men who have stopped valuing their sisters as Spirit-filled saints who are to help them become more holy. **Bring resounding grief on my brothers who have treated women as either objects that need to submit or as objects to fulfill their lustful desires.** Forgive them Lord. Forgive the husbands who have neglected their wives by using a harsh tone or by seeking to connect with them physically before emotionally or spiritually. Creator of All, have mercy on us.

Lord, we have experienced Your amazing grace yet, some of us, have neglected to share the gospel with our kids, or co-workers, or family. **Please forgive us for how quickly we have forgotten that at one time we were one breath away from hell. Our redemption has ceased to cause rejoicing in our hearts.** Redeemer, have mercy on us.

King of Kings, we know that Christ said, "my food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work", yet, we have feasted on the whims our will, forgive us. Some of us have been so loved by You that now we feel entitled to receive what we want when we want it, forgive us. Our pride has deceived us into thinking, "I am lord of my life." Others of us have spent more time reading about COVID-19 to only find ourselves full of fear and anxiety and have spent little time in prayer. Allowing our worry to consume us as if Your will is not working its way out perfectly. Others of us have spent little time asking You to use these uncertain times to awaken us to the only thing that is truly certain- YOU. All knowing, all powerful, everywhere King, have mercy on us.

Assurance

As we have confessed these sins and many more, let us remember the promise of **Romans 8:14-17a**:

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons (*and daughters*) of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ."

In Christ's forgiving love, AMEN!

The Gospel

This is the word,
The gospel truth
In which we stand

The perfect life
the saving death
of just one man

Oh oh, look what God has done
Oh oh, through his son

Christ died for our sins
Met death in his grave
Then rose to life again;
By this we are saved
By this we are saved

So Jesus' death
has conquered death
And killed our sin

And Jesus' life
has brought us life
We live in him

Oh oh, look what God has done
Oh oh, through his son

Christ died for our sins
Met death in his grave
Then rose to life again;
By this we are saved
By this we are saved

This is good news
The Father shows us grace
This is the truth
The Spirit gives us faith

Jesus is King
And by this we are saved
By this we are saved
By this we are saved

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Passing of Peace

As Jesus has reconciled you to God so you are able to be reconciled to one another. Greet one another in the peace of Christ.

Preaching of the Word of God

John 4:27-42

Seeing Jesus, Part 12

Come and See the Savior

Preacher: Justin Pearson

The sermon video can be found:

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Build My Life

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder

Show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

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I will build my life
upon Your love
It is a firm foundation

I will put my trust
in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Look and See

To Him be the glory
for all He has done
Praise to the Father
who gave us His Son

A ransom for many
He bled and died
Then rose in victory
enthroned on high

To Him be the glory
in heaven and earth
All of creation
is shouting His worth

The saints and the angels
all live to proclaim
The wonderful story
the glorious Name

Oh look and see our God
and celebrate
The power of the cross
and the empty grave

And now we're free
let the redeemed
lift up your heads
Oh look and see our God

To Him be the glory
He's coming again
And all of the sadness
will come to an end

Oh what a reunion
the bride and her King
Forever we'll praise Him
forever we'll sing

Oh look and see our God
and celebrate
The power of the cross
and the empty grave

And now we're free
let the redeemed lift up your hands
Oh look and see our God

Glory, glory, to our God
Glory, glory, to our God

Oh look and see our God
and celebrate
The power of the cross
and the empty grave

And now we're free
let the redeemed lift up your hands
Oh look and see our God

Mediator

He takes our place and stands
in front of God on high
He speaks on our behalf
since we don't have the right

He pleads before the God who judges
hearts of men
Our mediator served the sentence
for our sin

There is only one God;
There is only one
mediator

Standing between God and man,
He's the only way
to salvation

He found the captives,
broke the bondage of our chains

We have redemption through the price
that He has paid

He gave His life to purchase freedom
from the fall

Our mediator was
the ransom for us all

There is only one God;
There is only one
mediator

Standing between God and man,
He's the only way
to salvation

The man Jesus Christ,
who gave us His life
The man Jesus Christ,
our last sacrifice

The eternal son
Messiah has come
The true son of man
The atonement lamb

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Prayer

Spend time praying together.

Benediction

And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. (Luke 10:2 ESV)

Sojourn, be captivated by Christ and look and see the people around you who need him. Invite them to come and see your Savior. Ask God to work in you and through you and to send out more laborers into his harvest. God desires to save our neighbors and the nations. Let's be faithful to his call. Amen. Peace be with you.