

Pre-service Song

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of Your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

By Charles Wesley and Carl G. Glaser
©Public Domain

Call To Worship

We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Call to Worship

Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8 (ESV)

For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.

**He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be greatly shaken.**

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

**He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be shaken.**

**On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;

God is a refuge for us.

Our Sung Call to Worship

I Delight (Psalm 1)

Lord, You are a stream of purest water.
Blessing grows in beauty by Your side.
From the rising of the sun
Until the day is done,
In Your word, Oh Lord, I will abide.

I delight in You, I delight in You,
Like water You satisfy my soul.
I delight in You, I delight in You,
Oh, day and night, I delight in You.

Keep me from the counsel of the wicked.
Keep my eyes upon the ancient path.
The chaff will blow away,
And all the flowers fade,
But only You and Your word will last.

I delight in You, I delight in You,
Like water You satisfy my soul.
I delight in You, I delight in You,
Oh, day and night, I delight in You.

Lord, You know my heart is prone to wander.
Lord, You know my feet will go astray.
Though my flesh may fail,
Every sin was nailed to the cross.
Now I will sing,

I delight in You, I delight in You,
Like water You satisfy my soul.
I delight in You, I delight in You,
Oh, day and night, I delight in You.

I delight in You, I delight in You,
Like water You satisfy my soul.
I delight in You, I delight in You,
Oh, day and night, I delight in You.
Oh, day and night, I delight in You.

By Michael Olson

© 2022 Songs From Wellhouse; Waiting Room Music; Sacred Invitation Music

Confession

We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Confession

Psalm 32:3-6; Proverbs 28:13 (ESV)

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

**I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;**

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

**Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.**

Time of silent confession.

Our Sung Confession

God of Every Grace

O let not his world of sorrows steal my only hope away,
For the power of Your gospel shines within this jar of clay.
In affliction, You bring wisdom that my comforts can displace.
How my true and greatest treasure is in You, the God of grace.

Now to the God of ev'ry grace, who counts my tears, who holds my days,
I sing through sorrows, sing with faith.
O praise the God of ev'ry grace.

Weary with the weight I carry, give me wings of faith to rise,
For You know each grief that lingers through the watches of the night.
Surely You have borne our sufferings at the cross took up our pain.
And You lead us on to glory as we trust You God of grace.

Now to the God of ev'ry grace, who counts my tears, who holds my days,
I sing through sorrows, sing with faith.
O praise the God of ev'ry grace.

There's a dawning hope before us that I know is soon to break
As I wait upon Your mercy, which will swallow ev'ry ache.
Cries of joy and songs of vict'ry when we enter heaven's gates.
All your children, home together, all with You, the God of grace.

Now to the God of ev'ry grace, who counts my tears, who holds my days,
I sing through sorrows, sing with faith.
O praise the God of ev'ry grace.

Now to the God of ev'ry grace, who counts my tears, who holds my days,
I sing through sorrows, sing with faith.

O praise the God of ev'ry grace.
O praise the God of ev'ry grace.

By Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Matt Boswell
© 2023 Getty Music Publishing; Messenger Hymns; Be Essential Songs; bryanfowersongs

Assurance and Peace

We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Remember the Gospel

Romans 5:1, 8-11 (ESV)

Remember the Gospel!

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**God shows his love for us
in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.**

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood,
much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

**For if while we were enemies
we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,
much more, now that we are reconciled,
shall we be saved by his life.**

More than that, we also rejoice in God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**Our Sung Profession of Assurance
It Was Finished Upon That Cross**

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the Cross of Calvary.
He declares His work is finished;
He has spoken this hope to me.
Though the sun had ceased its shining,
Though the war appeared as lost,
Christ had triumphed over evil.
It was finished upon that Cross.

Now the curse, it has been broken;
Jesus paid the price for me.
Full, the pardon He has offered.
Great, the welcome that I receive.
Boldly I approach my Father,
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness.
There is no more guilt to carry.
It was finished upon that Cross.

Death was once my great opponent,
Fear once had a hold on me.
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed.

Death was once my great opponent,
Fear once had a hold on me.
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from ev'ry plan of darkness,
Free to live and free to love.
Death is dead and Christ is risen.
It was finished upon that Cross.

Onward to eternal glory,
To my Saviour and my God.
I rejoice in Jesus' victory.
It was finished upon that Cross.

It was finished upon that Cross.
It was finished upon that Cross.

By Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson & Nigel Hendroff
© 2021 SHOUT! Music Publishing Australia; CityAlight Music

Thanksgiving and Petition

We Give Thanks in Prayer and Offer Petitions to God

We express our gratitude to God our Father for Christ's work on the cross for us and bring our requests before him. In bringing our requests, we confess that we believe God truly is a good father, who cares about our needs and gives us what he knows is best.

We Give Thanks by Giving

We give financial offerings to support the work of the church because of our gratitude to God. By giving we confess we are trusting in God's provision for us as well.

You may give electronically at gabcames.org/giving/ or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 35 (ESV)

Of David.

- ¹Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me;
fight against those who fight against me!
- ²Take hold of shield and buckler
and rise for my help!
- ³Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers!
Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!"
- ⁴Let them be put to shame and dishonor
who seek after my life!
Let them be turned back and disappointed
who devise evil against me!
- ⁵Let them be like chaff before the wind,
with the angel of the LORD driving them away!
- ⁶Let their way be dark and slippery,
with the angel of the LORD pursuing them!
- ⁷For without cause they hid their net for me;
without cause they dug a pit for my life.
- ⁸Let destruction come upon him when he does not know it!
And let the net that he hid ensnare him;
let him fall into it—to his destruction!
- ⁹Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD,
exulting in his salvation.
- ¹⁰All my bones shall say, "O LORD, who is like you,
delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him,
the poor and needy from him who robs him?"
- ¹¹Malicious witnesses rise up;
they ask me of things that I do not know.
- ¹²They repay me evil for good; my soul is bereft.
- ¹³But I, when they were sick—I wore sackcloth;
I afflicted myself with fasting;
I prayed with head bowed on my chest.
- ¹⁴I went about as though I grieved for my friend or my brother;
as one who laments his mother, I bowed down in mourning.
- ¹⁵But at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered;
they gathered together against me;

wretches whom I did not know
tore at me without ceasing;
16 like profane mockers at a feast,
they gnash at me with their teeth.
17 How long, O LORD, will you look on?
Rescue me from their destruction,
my precious life from the lions!
18 I will thank you in the great congregation;
in the mighty throng I will praise you.
19 Let not those rejoice over me
who are wrongfully my foes,
and let not those wink the eye
who hate me without cause.
20 For they do not speak peace,
but against those who are quiet in the land
they devise words of deceit.
21 They open wide their mouths against me;
they say, "Aha, Aha!
Our eyes have seen it!"
22 You have seen, O LORD; be not silent!
O LORD, be not far from me!
23 Awake and rouse yourself for my vindication,
for my cause, my God and my LORD!
24 Vindicate me, O LORD, my God,
according to your righteousness,
and let them not rejoice over me!
25 Let them not say in their hearts,
"Aha, our heart's desire!"
Let them not say, "We have swallowed him up."
26 Let them be put to shame and disappointed
altogether who rejoice at my calamity!
Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor
who magnify themselves against me!
27 Let those who delight in my righteousness
shout for joy and be glad and say evermore,
"Great is the LORD,
who delights in the welfare of his servant!"
28 Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness
and of your praise all the day long.

This is the word of the Lord.

**The grass withers and the flower falls
but the word of the Lord endures forever.**

Sermon

Psalm 35 - "Contend, O LORD! - Pastor Michael Felkins

Sermon Discipleship Questions

1. What encouraged you?
2. What convicted you?
3. Is there anything in your life that needs to change?

Sending

Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in both song and spoken word.

Sending Song

How Long O Lord How Long (Psalm 13)

O Lord our God, to You we come.
Will You still hide Your Face?
We cry before You and on our knees we pray.
How long, O Lord, how long?

Our sorrows leave us weak and worn,
Surrounded by our fears.
We look to heaven through feeble faith and tears.
How long, O Lord, how long?

'Til Your glory fills our eyes
And our faith is turned to sight.
'Til our thirsty souls are satisfied.
How long, O Lord, how long?

Our foes and enemies rejoice.
Injustice seems to reign.
Lord, we are shaken and we are losing strength.
How long, O Lord, how long?

'Til Your glory fills our eyes
And our faith is turned to sight.
'Til our thirsty souls are satisfied.
How long, O Lord, how long?

But we will trust Your steadfast love.
Your grace will be our song.
You bring new mercies with ev'ry rising sun.
How long, O Lord, how long?

'Til Your glory fills our eyes
And our faith is turned to sight.
'Til our thirsty souls are satisfied.
How long, O Lord, how long?

How long, O Lord, how long?

By Brittany Born, David Zimmer, Lisa Clow and Matthew Carpenter
© 2022 Sovereign Grace Praise

Blessing
Romans 15:13 (ESV)

May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope.

Amen.

Scripture text for next Sunday: Psalm 36