



For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants
for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

To please God... to be a real ingredient in the divine happiness... to be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in as an artist delights in his work or a father in a son- it seems impossible, a weight or burden of glory which our thoughts can hardly sustain. But so it is.

C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory

My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King...

~ Psalm 45:1 ~

The Lord's Day — May 3, 2020 A.D.

Song of Assembly

You Are Worthy of My Praise

Ruis

I will worship (repeat), with all of my heart (repeat);
I will praise you (repeat), with all of my strength. (repeat)
I will seek you (repeat), all of my days; (repeat)
And I will follow (repeat), follow all of Your ways (repeat).
*I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.*
I will bow down (repeat), and hail You as King (repeat);
I will serve you (repeat), give You everything (repeat).
I will lift up (repeat), my eyes to Your throne (repeat);
And I will trust You (repeat), I will trust You alone (repeat).

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 84:4,5 12

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing Your praises. Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. Blessed is the one who trusts in You.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 43

Hymn of Praise

Psalm 84

Londonderry Air

O Lord of hosts, how lovely is your dwelling place! I cry aloud, I long for your abode;
The joys of earth have left my soul unsatisfied: My heart and flesh desire the living God.
Within your walls the sparrow finds a nesting place, That near your altars she may have her young:
How happy those who dwell within your house, O Lord, By whom your holy praises are forever sung!
How happy those who have in you the strength they need, And in whose heart are Zion's pathways found!
The desert sands they make a place of water-springs, Till autumn rains refresh the barren ground.
From strength to strength they journey on their pilgrimage, Until in God's own presence they appear:
O Lord of hosts, do good to your anointed one; Receive my earnest prayer: O God of Jacob, hear!
How better, far, a single day within your courts, Than thousands spent in any other way;
I'd rather wait upon the steps beside your door, Than pitch my tent where wickedness holds sway.
For like a shield the Lord defends and covers us; He gives us grace and crowns with glory too,
And nothing good withholds from those that walk aright: O Lord of hosts, how happy all who trust in you!

Reading of the Word: *Ultimate value, greater goal...*

Philippians 3:7-14

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith- that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one

thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

adapted from *Every Moment Holy*

O Father, whose gifts and callings in Christ are irrevocable and incomparable, we find ourselves ashamed that we have been too passive and less pressed, too casual and less captivated by Your costly grace, Your timely reversals, Your liberating presence and privileges in serving You. We confess that have looked elsewhere for the blessedness and broken faith with You in thought, word and deed. Restorer of all things, redeem the damage I have done. Restore, remake, rekindle, rebuild. Heal, comfort, and repair. Knit together what I have rent. Use even the consequences of my sin to conform my heart into a more fitting likeness of the heart of Christ. Have mercy, O God ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

All the promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through Him we utter our Amen to God for His glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Great God Who Saves

Story

Oh, the promises of God, the rock on which I stand, the truths to which I cling.
His love that knows no bounds; He showers us with grace, withholding no good thing.

*When I stumble and my faith is small,
I will call Your name, great God who saves.*

*And I would have despaired if I had not believed that You would come to me, great God who saves.
And in my darkest hour, Your mercy and Your power are reaching out to me, great God who saves.*

Oh, the mystery of God, who holds all space and time, yet knows my every need.
The vastness of Your power, the strength You give the weak; I soar on eagle's wings.

And in my pain and in my need, You heard me calling out Your name.
When I was blind and could not see, You stepped in and saved a wretch like me,
And saved a wretch like me. Great God who saves.

Thy Mercy My God

Stoker

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine, Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Rock of Ages

Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death;
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Jeff Keith

Sermon

Pastor Rick Stark

When Mothers' Sons Come Home to Sing

Psalm 84 (page 493)

We Respond

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Rankin

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again; 'neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again; When life's perils thick confound you,
Put his loving arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again; Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threat'ning wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

Benediction

Psalm 84:12; Ephesians 3:16; 2 Timothy 2:1

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