

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 14, 2018

*To protect the Worship environment,
please, no drinks in the Sanctuary, and remember to turn off cell phones.*

THE GATHERING

*O For a Thousand Tongues

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

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoners free
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me

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

Glory to God and praise and love, be ever, ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and Heav'n

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

To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name

TEXT: Charles Wesley MUSIC: Carl G. Gläzer; arranged by Lowell Mason

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

LEADER: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**ALL: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;**

LEADER: But the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

**ALL: And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

LEADER: Your gates shall be open continually;
day and night they shall not be shut,

**ALL: They shall call you the City of the Lord,
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

LEADER: Violence shall no more be heard in your land,
devastation or destruction within your borders;

**ALL: You shall call your walls Salvation,
and your gates Praise.**

LEADER: The sun shall be no more your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon give you light;

**ALL: but the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.**

***Endless Light**

From the highest throne to the earth below
You laid down Your life for the likes of us
Great is the love of the Savior

From the wounded heart to a life made whole
Every human heart will declare as one
Great is the love of the Savior

Lord of endless light let Your glory shine forever
All the earth all the earth sing Your praise

From the mountain heights to the valleys low
All created things given life to show
Jesus we live for Your glory

From the rising sun to the still of night
Every waking moment for Your delight
Jesus we live for Your glory

(chorus)

Lord of endless light let Your glory shine forever
All the earth all the earth sing Your praise
Hope of every heart let Your name be lifted higher
All our hearts all our hearts sing Your praise

God be exalted God be exalted in everything
We live for Your glory live for Your glory (2x)

(repeat chorus)

God be exalted God be exalted in everything
We live for Your glory live for Your glory

Dean Ussher, Karl Cashwell ©2012 Hillsong Church T/A Hillsong Music Australia.CCLI #245668

THE READING OF ACTS 26:9-18

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL: God of all grace,
you have given us Jesus, the light of the world,
but we confess that we sometimes choose darkness
and cling to things that hide the brightness of your grace.
Immersed in ourselves, we often gratify the flesh,
cower to the powers and principalities of this world,
and refuse to walk in the newness of life we have in Jesus.**

Please forgive us

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

Leader: ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

ALL: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

***THE GOSPEL READING: JOHN 1:43-51**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own—
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus—
The path before the crown—
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives.

Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty Copyright © 2005 Thankyou Music. CCLI#245668

*Hymn

This heart has been changed by the King of kings
He's revealed to me glory unknown
And in reply to His love my heart sings
The place where the song first was grown

In day of darkness and trouble and fear
No thing or love satisfied
But with capturing grace, a voice in my ear
Told me "come, be My son, you are Mine"

(chorus)
Halle -- lu ----- jah
Halle -- lu ----- jah
(repeat)

Now moving through life is a toilsome task
But with every passing day
His light is my strength and He helps when I ask
To take all of my burdens away

(repeat chorus)

He gives me such joy, such blessing in life
What a God, to so freely give
And so I rejoice when I feebly try
To fathom the life I shall live

(repeat chorus 2x)

Rob Hockney ©2007.UBP

THE DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Although giving is a significant part of worship, we do not collect the offering during our service. Two boxes are placed by the doors to receive your offering. Tithes and offerings for the General Fund are placed in the box without the "steeple." Offerings for the Building Fund are to be placed in the box with the "steeple," with check payable to Grace EPC Building Fund.

THE WELCOME

At this time, please fill out the friendship register found at the side aisle. As the register is passed, please note those with whom you are worshipping so that you can greet one another after the service. If this is your first Sunday at Grace, please accept our invitation to worship with us again soon. If you would like information about Grace EPC, please take one of our brochures from the table in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home, please let us know and we will be happy to visit with you.

(CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASSES AT THIS TIME:
K-4TH GRADE — LINE UP IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE SANCTUARY.
CONNECT CLASS [5TH & 6TH GRADE] HEAD DIRECTLY TO ROOM 7)

(THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER THE SERVICE HAS BEGUN MAY BE SEATED AT THIS TIME)

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:1-14

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE WORD

All: The grass withers and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.

THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE

Bill Vogler

THE LORD'S SUPPER

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(chorus)

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(repeat chorus)

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(repeat chorus 2x)

The Glory of the Cross

What wisdom once devised the plan where all our sin and pride
Was placed upon the perfect Lamb Who suffered, bled, and died?
The wisdom of a Sovereign God Whose greatness will be shown
When those who crucified Your Son rejoice around Your throne

(chorus)

And, oh, the glory of the cross
That You would send Your Son for us
I gladly count my life as loss
That I might come to know
The glory of, the glory of the cross

What righteousness was there revealed that sets the guilty free
That justifies ungodly men and calls the filthy clean?
A righteousness that proved to all Your justice has been met
And holy wrath is satisfied through one atoning death

(repeat chorus)

What mercy now has been proclaimed for those who would believe
A love incomprehensible our minds could not conceive?
A mercy that forgives my sin then makes me like Your Son
And now I'm loved forevermore because of what You've done

(repeat chorus)

Words and music by Bob Kauflin As recorded on Songs for the Cross Centered Life © 2000 Sovereign Grace Praise (BMI).CCLI#245668

Hallelujah to My King

O, how strong the power of Jesus' name
It is stronger than any other name
How sweet the victory that bore my shame
Took the burden of my sin away

(chorus)

Hallelujah, what a Savior, I owe everything to Him
Hallelujah, what a Savior, hallelujah to my King

O, how great the kindness our God has shown
We were strangers, now we're called His own
His grace has welcomed the sinner home
Tender mercies lead us to the throne

(repeat chorus)

O, what peace the Spirit of Jesus brings
Through the trials, He will carry me
One day in Heaven, our eyes will meet
Filled with wonder, all the saints will sing

(repeat chorus 2x)

Hallelujah to my King

Paul Baloche, Brenton Brown ©2007 Integrity's Hosanna! Music/ASCAP Leadworship songs (admin by Integrity's Hosanna! Music)/ASCAP and Thankyou Music (adm worldwide by EMI CMG Publishing).CCLI#245668

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

It is our sincere desire to pray effectively for the particular needs of those worshipping with us this morning. If you have a prayer concern that you want shared with the congregation during the prayers of the people, please call the church office or one of the elders prior to the service with your request. If you desire prayer on a personal matter, we invite you to meet with the elders in the front pews after the Benediction.

Available for prayer after 8:15 worship: Michael Boulton & Todd Koch
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Dan Wethington & Darby Ritter

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE DOXOLOGY

*Congregation will stand.