



Gathering God's People

Call to Worship

1 Peter 1:3-5, 8-9

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

People: to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Leader: Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Worshiping God in Spirit and Truth

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" Kauflin/ Bernard

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone. What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong. What holds our days within his hand? What comes apart from his command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's
blood. Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the
stormy trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore
the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him. There we
will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed, and we
will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore.

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"The King of Love My Shepard Is" arr. Wilkin

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

Gospel Renewal

Confession of Sin: Ambrose

All: All: O Lord, you have mercy upon all; take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Lamentations 3:21-24

Leader: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

"His Mercy Is More"

Boswell/Papa

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.

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.

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"Just As I Am " Elliott/Moffitt/Smith/Cottrell

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I
come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee,
whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Chorus: I come broken to be mended, I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued, I come empty to be filled. I come
guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ the Lamb. And I'm
welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am.

Just as I am, I would be lost, but mercy and grace my freedom
bought. And now to glory in your cross, O Lamb of God I come, I
come.

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Benediction