

Prelude & Quiet Meditation (suggested reading – Psalm 29)

Call to Worship

When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

I will be with you.

When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

I will be with you.

Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

I will be with you.

So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us! Amen.

“Come Thou Almighty King” #148

1 Come, thou Almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2 Come, thou Incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend:
come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success:

Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.

3 Come, Holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour:
thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

4 To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
hence, evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore!

Prayer of Approach

“Great is the Lord” #50

Verse

Great is the Lord
He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord
He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love

Chorus 1

Great is the Lord
And worthy of glory
Great is the Lord
And worthy of praise

Great is the Lord
Now lift up your voice
Now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord

Chorus 2

Great are You Lord
And worthy of glory
Great are You Lord
And worthy of praise
Great are You Lord
I lift up my voice
I lift up my voice
Great are You Lord

Ending

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Isaiah 43:1-7

Prayer of Confession & Pardon

“Shout to the Lord” #94

Verse

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

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Passing the Peace

Ministry Opportunities, Celebrations & Concerns

“When Jesus Came to Jordon” #241

1 When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon
but as the sinless one.

He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.

2 He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.

So when the dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.

3 Come, Holy Spirit,
aid us to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us,
and ev'ry bondage break.

Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.

Prayer of Dedication

“Speak O Lord” (4615235)

Verse 1

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word

Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Verse 2

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Verse 3

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

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Prayer of the People

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

AGAINST THE CURRENT

“How Firm a Foundation” #411

1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!

What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you in trouble to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you, I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

Benediction