

November 29, 2020

PRELUDE:

I Want You To Know

By: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, James Proctor, and Michael Farren

Behold Him

By: Mitch Wong and Paul Baloche



CALL TO WORSHIP:

We will extol You, our God and King, and
bless Your name forever and ever.

**Every day we will bless You and praise
Your name forever and ever.**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be
praised; His greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall commend
Your works to another, and shall declare
Your mighty acts.**

Let us worship God!





HYMN OF PRAISE: Come See (Glory Hallelujah)

By: Darren Mulligan, Jonathan Smith, and Phil Wickham

Into the night heaven came near
Wrapped in flesh the King is here
To bring us life and be our peace
To heal our hearts and set us free

Chorus

Come and see what love has done
Come worship singing glory hallelujah
Glory hallelujah

Come and join the angels' song
Come worship singing glory hallelujah
Glory hallelujah

Now His love has come for us
Emmanuel God's only Son
To breathe this air to know our pain
To break the power of death and grave

Chorus

Bridge x2

Forever behold the Light of the world Forever
behold the glory of Jesus
Alive in us now forever we're changed
Oh stand and proclaim the glory of Jesus

Chorus



HYMN OF PRAISE: All Glory Be To Christ

By: Dustin Kensrue



Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

Chorus



PRAYER OF CONFESSION:



Lord God, we know that our lives are but a breath, and that all we have is Yours. Yet often we believe the lie that our time and our resources belong to us. We lack courage to stand for You, we fail to honor Christ with our lives, and we approach death with fear. Forgive us for our sins as we confess them to You in the silence.

(silent confession)

Father, strengthen our resolve and give us courage to honor Christ more and more readily, whether in life or in death. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. His mercy is for all who call upon the name of His Son.



Thanks be to God!

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HYMN OF PRAISE: Before The Throne of God

By: Charitie Lees Bancroft | Vikki Cook



Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

I bow before the cross of Christ
And marvel at this love divine
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
To make me righteous in God's eyes
This river's depths I cannot know
But I can glory in its flood
The Lord Most High has bowed down low
And poured on me His glorious love
And poured on me His glorious love



SERMON: A DISSIDENT'S GUIDE TO JOY
Happily Hard Pressed
Pastor Ken Rathburn



PHILIPPIANS 1:18B-26

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OUTLINE:

1. Eager expectation: Christ honored and Paul delivered (v.18b-20)
2. Delightful dilemma: joyful life or (better) death (v.21-24)
3. Confident conclusion: selfless service for joyful faith (v.25-26)



PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER



**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from
evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE: Great Are You Lord

By: David Leonard | Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan



Verse

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Great are You Lord

Verse

Chorus

Bridge x3

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

Chorus x2

Great are You Lord x3

BENEDICTION



A DISSIDENT'S GUIDE TO JOY

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS THIS WEEK- NOVEMBER 29, 2020

1. When we experience suffering we usually just want it to end. What would it look like to instead think of 'deliverance' as Paul does in this passage?
2. Do you ask for prayer and do you pray for others? How can you grow in this?
3. What tends to be your chief concern in life other than Christ?
4. Paul said, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." What needs to change for you to say this, too?
5. Who has God placed nearby for you to serve and help grow in the joy of their faith?

