

WORSHIP GATHERING

March 15, 2020

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;

to all who mourn and long for comfort;

to all who struggle and desire victory;

to all who sin and need a Savior;

to all who are strangers and want fellowship;

to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;

and to all who will come,

New City opens wide her doors and offers
welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome.

Call to Worship

Psalm 139

Leader

Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.

Congregation

**If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,”
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.**

Is He Worthy?

Andrew Peterson & Ben Shive

Leader: Do you feel the world is broken?

Congregation: **We do**

Do you feel the shadows deepen? — **We do**

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? — **We do**

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? — **We do**

Is all creation groaning? — **It is**

Is a new creation coming? — **It is**

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? — **It is**

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? — **It is**

CHORUS

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? — **He is**

Does the Father truly love us? — **He does**

Does the Spirit move among us? — **He does**

And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? — **He does**

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? — **He does**

CHORUS

From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?

He is! Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!

Confession of Sin

Leader

Gracious Lord, we confess now that we dishonor You in our words and thoughts and deeds.

Congregation

Depending on our own strength, we stumble; proclaiming our own goodness, we sin; glorying in our own righteousness, we corrupt many things; turning our faces from You, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us.

Father, forgive our sins, cleanse darkness from our lives, and turn our faces and our hearts back towards You. We pray these things in the name of Your most precious Son, our Brother, and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

*WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON YOUR KNEES, OR BOWING
IN YOUR SEAT, FOR PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN.*

Declaration of Pardon

Leader

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored! (*from Hebrews 12*)

Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

Jesus, Your Mercy

Bob Kauflin, Jordan Kauflin, and Nathan Stiff

Jesus, Your mercy is all my plea
I have no defense, my guilt runs too deep
The best of my works pierced
Your hands and Your feet
Jesus, Your mercy is all my plea

Jesus, Your mercy is all my boast
The goodness I claim, the grounds of my hope
Whatever I lack its still what I need most
Jesus, Your mercy is all my boast

CHORUS

Praise the king who bore my sin
Took my place when I stood condemned
Oh how good You've always been to me
I will sing of Your mercy

Jesus, Your mercy is all my rest
When fears weigh me down and enemies press
A comfort I cling to in life and in death
Jesus, Your mercy is all my rest

CHORUS

Jesus, Your mercy is all my joy
Forever I'll lift my heart and my voice
To sing of a treasure no pow'r can destroy
Jesus, Your mercy is all my joy

CHORUS

Sermon

Lion of Judah

Robin Mark

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb who was slain
You ascended to heaven and evermore will reign
At the end of the age, when the earth You reclaim
You will gather the nations before You

And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb
Who was crucified
For with wisdom and mercy and justice He reigns
At the Father's side

CHORUS

And the angels will cry, "Hail the Lamb,
Who was slain for the world, rule in power!"
And the earth will reply, "You shall reign,
As the King of all Kings
and the Lord of all Lords!"

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side
There's a fire in our spirits which cannot be denied
As the Father has told us, for these You have died
For the nations that gather before You

And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb
Who was crucified
Who descended to hell, yet was raised up to reign
At the Father's side

CHORUS X2

Benediction

Leader

May the love of God our Father be on our lips, the grace of our Lord Jesus in our soul, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in our relationships...as we go. Go in peace.