

# WORSHIP GATHERING

March 22, 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 63*

*Leader*

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.  
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.  
So I will bless you as long as I live;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.

*Congregation*

**My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,  
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,  
when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;  
for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.**

# Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Thomas O. Chisholm, William M. Runyan*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

*CHORUS*

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

*CHORUS*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

*CHORUS X2*

# Confession of Sin

*Congregation*

**Lord, we are guilty—of pride and unbelief, of failure to find  
Your mind in Your Word, of neglect to seek You in our  
daily lives.**

**Our violations and shortcomings present our consciences  
with a long list of accusations, but they shall not stand!  
For we lay them all now on Christ, our sacrifice and advo-  
cate. Amen**

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

# Declaration of Pardon

*from Heidelberg Catechism 18*

*Leader*

And who is this mediator—true God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous? Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given us to set us completely free and to make us right with God. In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

*Congregation*

**In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!**

# All Must Be Well

*Mary Bowly Peters and Matthew S. Smith*

Through the love of God our Savior,  
All will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor,  
All is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation,  
All will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation,  
All is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow;  
All will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,  
All is well  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
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# Sermon

*We can lie down and sleep in peace  
because the Lord alone makes us dwell in safety.*

**Psalm 4** *To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

*Approach in confidence*

<sup>2</sup>O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

<sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;  
the LORD hears when I call to him.

*Exposure entrusted to a Personal Lord*

<sup>4</sup>Be angry, and do not sin;

ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

<sup>5</sup>Offer right sacrifices,

and put your trust in the LORD.

*Anger entrusted to a Faithful Lord*

<sup>6</sup>There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?"

Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

<sup>7</sup>You have put more joy in my heart

than they have when their grain and wine abound.

*Provision entrusted to a Generous Lord*

<sup>8</sup>In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

*...and rest*

# We Shall Sing

*Nathan Partain*

*CHORUS*

We shall sing with hearts on fire. We shall rise and not be ashamed.  
We shall look and all be radiant. We shall see him face to face.

Though we wait, the garden groaning,  
Cut down by greed, used up, bereft.  
What death has taken, or curse has ruined,  
Jesus has turned, upon its head.

*CHORUS*

The whole world of despair is not worth being compared...  
To what we shall see.

Though we outwardly seem to be wasting away,  
Instead inwardly we, are more new day by day.  
Though we don't see Him now, yet our hearts still believe.  
And our hope cannot die, 'til our joy is complete.

And so we wait, the children hunger,  
The weak enslaved, the voiceless poor.  
Though weeping lasts, throughout this long night,  
Jesus shall come, like joyous morn.

*CHORUS*

The whole world of despair is not worth being compared...  
As we tremble with love when we meet in the end.  
The whole world of despair is not worth being compared  
To what we shall see.

# Benediction

*Numbers 6*

*Leader*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn his face toward you and give you his peace.