

# WORSHIP GATHERING

May 3, 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.

# Jesus Strong and Kind

*Rich Thompson, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Colin Buchanan*

Jesus said that if I thirst  
I should come to him  
No one else can satisfy  
I should come to him

Jesus said if I am weak  
I should come to him  
No one else can be my strength  
I should come to him

## *CHORUS*

For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus, strong and kind

Jesus said that if I fear  
I should come to him  
No one else can be my shield  
I should come to him

## *CHORUS*

Jesus said if I am lost  
He will come to me  
And he showed me on that cross  
He will come to me

## *CHORUS*

# Call to Worship

*Psalm 108*

*Leader*

My heart is steadfast, O God!

I will sing and make melody with all my being!

Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awake the dawn!

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

*Congregation*

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;  
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!**

**Let your glory be over all the earth!**

**That your beloved ones may be delivered,  
give salvation by your right hand and answer us!**

# All Praise to Him

*Matt Merker and Bob Kauffman*

All praise to Him the God of Light  
Who formed the mountains by his might  
All praise to Him who names the stars  
That sing His fame in skies afar

All praise to Him Who reigns in love  
Who guides the galaxies above  
Yet bends to hear our every prayer  
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

All praise to Him Whose love is seen  
In Christ the Son, the servant King  
Who left behind His glorious throne  
To the pay the ransom for His own

All praise to Him Who humbly came  
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame  
Who lived to die, Who died to rise  
The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts  
The love of God within our hearts  
The Spirit of all truth and peace  
The fount of joy and holiness

To Father, Son, and Spirit now  
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow  
To you, the Triune God we raise  
With loving hearts our songs of praise (x2)

# Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sin together.

*Congregation*

**Father, teach us not to sin with such abandon. We often do it all so easily: pretend, lie, envy, lust, criticize, brood, ignore, deny, consume, hoard, defame, distort, make excuses, and then expect an easy forgiveness for the asking.**

**Loving Father, astonish us with a wholesome, godly fear which will not drive us to despair, but cause us to number our days and get us hearts of wisdom. In Jesus' Name.**

**Amen.**

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

# Declaration of Pardon

*From Acts 4*

*Leader*

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

*Congregation*

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

# Man of Sorrows

*Matt Crocker and Brooke Ligertwood*

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, By His own betrayed  
The sin of man and wrath of God, Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned  
Bowling to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns

*CHORUS*

Oh that rugged cross my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah  
Praise and honor unto Thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son, To purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree

*CHORUS*

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full  
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled  
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me  
Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed

*CHORUS*

See the stone is rolled away, Behold the empty tomb  
Hallelujah God be praised, He's risen from the grave!

*CHORUS*

# The Sign and the Light

May 3, 2020 | Luke 11:29-36 | Pastor Roger Williams

(**Luke 11:15-16** <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” <sup>16</sup>while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven....)

**Jesus has given an enduring sign  
that we may bear, enjoy, and share.**

## **Luke 11:29-36**

<sup>29</sup>When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. <sup>30</sup>For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. <sup>31</sup>The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. <sup>32</sup>The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

***What are the signs of Jonah and the Queen of the South?***

<sup>33</sup>“No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. <sup>34</sup>Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. <sup>35</sup>Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. <sup>36</sup>If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light.”

***What is it to walk in light and as light?***

**Ephesians 2** <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

1. Resurrection for Jews of the first century is thus the one incontrovertible sign of the coming of the kingdom of God in fullness.  
- Dr. Michael Goheen, *A Light to the Nations*, 111.
2. In Jesus' death he brings to an end the old age dominated by sin, evil, satanic power, and death. In his resurrection he inaugurates the age to come. These events create a new humanity which participates in the defeat of sin (accomplished in his death) and the beginning of the new creation (accomplished in his resurrection).  
-Dr. Michael Goheen, *A Light to the Nations*, 109
3. The resurrection is an eschatological and cosmic event by which the kingdom of God is inaugurated. The resurrection creates a community that shares in the resurrection of Christ and participates in the powers of the age to come. Individuals within the eschatological community participate by faith and repentance.  
-Dr. Michael Goheen, *A Light to the Nations*, 113-114
4. The early Christians insisted that what had happened to Jesus [in the resurrection] was precisely something new; was, indeed, the start of a whole new mode of existence, a new creation.  
-Dr. N.T. Wright, *The Resurrection of the Son of God*, 712.
5. How many comprehend that ...believers at the core of their being will never be any more resurrected than they already are?  
-Dr. Richard Gaffin, *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, 41.4.



# My One Comfort

*Dustin Kensrue*

My one comfort  
Both in life and death  
Is that I am not my own  
I was bought with blood  
And I confess  
I belong to You alone

*CHORUS*

By the Father's good decree  
Jesus, You've delivered me  
By Your Spirit set me free  
To follow You

My one comfort  
Both in life and death  
Is that I am not my own  
I was bought with blood  
And I confess  
I belong to You alone

*CHORUS*

Jesus, You have  
Taken hold of me  
And in Your grip of grace  
I'm finally free

*CHORUS*

# Benediction

*from Revelation 1*

*Leader*

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Go in peace.