

# WORSHIP GATHERING

May 24, 2020  
Ascension Sunday

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.

# Covenant Song

*Aaron Senseman*

We belong to the Lion of Judah  
We are Abraham's seed  
We belong to the God  
And Creator of ev'rything

Let us raise up a covenant chorus  
Let us bring forth our lives  
To the One whose host gathers among us  
And fills the skies

*CHORUS*

And raise up His name on high  
Raise up you people of His pride  
Raise up and bear the fire that's in our eyes  
And in our lives that shows that we are not afraid

In His light we can never be hidden In His love we are healed  
We will shine through the night Like a city upon a hill

*CHORUS*

No we are not afraid

He delivers His people from bondage Sets the prisoner free  
He has given us love and salvation His eternal legacy

He will spare us the sword of His anger He prepares us a home  
Where we'll worship in glory forever Before His throne

*CHORUS X2*

We are not afraid  
No we are not afraid  
No we are not afraid

# Call to Worship

*Psalm 110*

*Leader*

The LORD says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

*Congregation*

**The LORD sends forth from Zion**

**your mighty scepter.**

**Rule in the midst of your enemies!**

**Your people will offer themselves freely**

**on the day of your power,**

**in holy garments;**

**from the womb of the morning,**

**the dew of your youth will be yours.**

*Leader*

The LORD has sworn

and will not change his mind,

*Congregation*

**“You are a priest forever**

**after the order of Melchizedek.”**

# Savior

*Matthew Fallentine and Ross Parsley*

I have seen with my own eyes, Your faithfulness, O God  
So I refuse to believe the lies that war against my soul  
You rescued me from all my fears  
And loosed the chains of wasted years

*CHORUS*

You're my Savior, Restorer,  
Rebuilder, Rewarder,  
My Refuge, Redeemer,  
Defender, My Healer,  
Savior

Now my heart is overwhelmed by all sufficient grace  
For I have seen my weaknesses become Your perfect strength  
You rescued me from all my fears  
And loosed the chains of wasted years

*CHORUS*

Behold the One  
Who holds me in His hands  
The God who comes  
And turns my mourning  
Into dance

*CHORUS X2*

# Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God, our Father..

*Congregation*

**Heavenly Father, sin is our disease, our monster, our enemy, born in our birth, alive in our life, strong in our character, controlling our abilities, following us as a shadow, intermingling with our every thought, our chain that holds us captive. And yet we embrace sin still.**

**God has shown us his tender compassions, his heart moves quickly to our rescue, his love endured our curse, his mercy bore our justice.**

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

# Declaration of Pardon

*From Hebrews 10:19–22*

*Leader*

“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” In Christ, you are forgiven, free, and restored.

*Congregation*

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

# Jesus Cast a Look on Me

*John Berridge, Matthew Perryman Jones*

Jesus cast a look on me,  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God,  
Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry!

# The Quest for More

May 24, 2020 | Luke 12:13-21 | Pastor Roger Williams

## Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But He said to him, “Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?”

<sup>15</sup>Then He said to them, “Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.”

<sup>16</sup>And He told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man was very productive. <sup>17</sup>And he began reasoning to himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.”’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?’

<sup>21</sup>So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

(<sup>22</sup> And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing...)

## Romans 8

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

# Rescuer

*Benjamin Hastings, Bryan Fowler, and Rend Collective*

There is good news for the captive, Good news for the shamed  
There is good news for the one who walked away  
There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed  
For the good Lord has come to seek and save

*CHORUS*

He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer  
We are free from sin forever more  
Oh how sweet the sound, Oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

He is beauty for the blind man, Riches for the poor  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores  
He is pasture for the weary, Rest for those who strive  
Oh the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life (x2)

*CHORUS*

So come and be chainless, Come and be fearless  
Come to the foot of Calvary  
There is redemption for every affliction,  
Here at the foot of Calvary

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Come to the foot of Calvary  
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Here at the foot of Calvary

*CHORUS*



# Benediction

*based on Psalm 138*

*Leader*

Go with confidence into this week,  
trusting in God's unfailing love and faithfulness.  
God will not abandon you,  
for you are the work of His hands—His own creation—  
and His love endures forever.  
So go in joy to love and serve the Lord!

Go in peace.