

WORSHIP GATHERING

April 11, 2021

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 46

Leader

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Congregation

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Leader

Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

Congregation

**“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

All Things Together

Andrew Peterson

He's the image of the invisible God
The firstborn of creation
By Him, all things were created
In heaven and earth, seen and unseen
Rulers, dominions, and powers and kings

CHORUS

(He holds) all things, all things, all things together
He holds all things, all things, all things together

He is the head of the body, the church
The firstborn from the dead
So in everything, He is the head
And the fullness of God was pleased to dwell
In Him to reconcile to Himself

CHORUS

Through Him and for Him, all things remain
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He is above all things, in Him all things hold together
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He made peace, He made peace
He made peace by the blood of His cross
He made peace, He made peace
He made peace by the blood of His cross

CHORUS X2

The Lord, My God, My Salvation

Will Duvall

Sing praise for what the Lord has done,
Who freely gave His Son, to be our sacrifice
By His grace greater than all our sin,
I stand no more condemned, washed in the blood of Christ

CHORUS

The Lord, my God, and my salvation, I will call upon His name
The Lord, my God, and my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid,
I will trust and not be afraid

Sing praise and drink from the Well of Life
Drink deeply and without price and never thirst again
For there is rest for the weary soul
And peace that overflows
For all who come to Him

CHORUS

Sing praise and shout for joy in all the earth
As we await the King's return, who is making all things new
In that day every tear will be wiped away
And with one voice we'll say, "All glory be to You!"

CHORUS 2

The Lord, my God, and my salvation
He is my song and my strength
The Lord, my God, and my salvation
I will trust and not be afraid, I will trust and not be afraid

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need His power is displayed
To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome!
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold: My sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I but through Christ in me

(OVER)

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Confession of Sin

Leader

We confess to you, Lord, what we are and what we are not.

Congregation

We are often not the people we like others to think we are—whether at home, at work, at school, online, or even here on a Sunday morning at New City.

We are afraid to admit even to ourselves what lies in the depths of our souls. But we do not want to hide our true selves from You.

Leader

We believe that you know us as we are, and yet You still love us.

Congregation

**Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge;
teach us to be honest with ourselves for your sake;
give us courage to put our trust in Your Word and Spirit;
and make us deeply aware of our union with Christ.
Let us run to you quickly and often and now.**

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

Declaration of Pardon

Psalm 103:8-12

Leader

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

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 Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #26

(last week's question addressed Christ's redeeming of who hope in him)

Leader

What else does Christ's death redeem?

Congregation

Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

(kids version)

Every part of fallen creation.

Prayer

Sermon

SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT

Rest in a Restless World

Exodus 20:8-11 & Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Sabbath is the way of life-giving rest in a restless world.

Exodus 20 ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Rest from systems of identity

Deuteronomy 5 ¹²“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore, the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

Rest from systems of productivity

Rest from systems of authority

1. Consecration is the act of setting the Sabbath apart for the Lord and for all whom he invites to rest with him. Thus, Sabbath observance is a form of trusting and honoring God, consecrating time to him while also experiencing his blessing...God can do more with our six days than we can do with all seven. So we can and should rest in him.

-*Gospel Transformation Bible*, note on Gen. 2.

2. **Exodus 31** ¹² And the LORD said to Moses, ¹³“You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, ‘Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the LORD, sanctify you.

3. **Colossians 2** ¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

4. Demonic powers working through idolatry operate more forcefully in in their corporate, structural, or institutional effects than any evil generated by any individual human person as such. Evil systems have power. Sometimes the net effect of corporate or structural evil is greater than the sum of the individuals who promote it.

- Anthony Thiselton, *1 Corinthians*, 160

5. The two biblical reasons for sabbath-keeping develop into parallel sabbath activities of praying and playing. The Exodus reason directs us to the contemplation of God, which becomes prayer. The Deuteronomy reason directs us to social leisure, which becomes play. Praying and playing are deeply congruent with each other and have essential inner connections...Puritan Sabbaths that eliminated play were a disaster. Secular Sabbaths that eliminate prayer are worse. Sabbath-keeping involves both playing and praying. The activities are alike enough to share the same day and different enough to require each other for a complementary wholeness

-Eugene Peterson, *Working the Angles*, p. 74-75

6. All of humanity’s problems stem from man’s inability to sit quietly in a room alone.

-Blaise Pascal, *Pensees*, #139

7. Solitude is a subject state of mind in which your mind is free from the input of other minds.

-Kethledge & Irvin, *Lead Yourself First*

Oh! Great is Our God!

Brian Eichelberger

Oh Great is our God, so we should worship greatly
No song is too loud, no orchestra too stately
To hail the majesty of our King
So lift your voices loud as we sing

Oh Great is our God, so let our songs be endless
So awesome His ways, how could we comprehend them?
So we will make it known to our kids
And we will sing about the gracious gifts you give

CHORUS

We will sing your praise
And pour forth your fame
We will bless your name
Let everyone give thanks
Because our God is great

Oh Great is our God, and we cannot contain it
We sing from our souls, affected by His greatness
His mercy covers all that He's made
Showing His glory and His grace

CHORUS X2

Benediction

2 Peter 3:18

Leader

May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

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