

WORSHIP GATHERING

May 2, 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 95

Leader

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock
of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with
songs of praise!

Congregation

**For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Leader

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Congregation

**For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.**

Blessed Are the Merciful

Isaac Wardell, Orlando Palmer, and Paul Zach

Blessed are the merciful
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For they shall receive mercy, mercy

Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us
Forgive us as we forgive those who sin against us

Lord have mercy on us
Show Your mercy through us
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Mercy

Your Labor is Not in Vain

Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach, and Wendell Kimbrough

Your labor is not in vain
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same
But your labor is not in vain.

CHORUS

For I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you, called you by name
Your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
but your labor is not unknown.

CHORUS

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

CHORUS

The houses you labored to build
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed
and all that is broken be healed.

CHORUS

His Mercy Is More

Matt Papa

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

CHORUS

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn'
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

CHORUS

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

CHORUS (X2)

Confession of Sin

Leader

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.

Congregation

Loving Father, astonish us with a wholesome, godly fear which will not drive us to despair, but instead 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!

Jesus Paid It All

words: Elvina M. Hall, 1865; music: John T. Grape; arr.: Kristian Stanfill

I hear the Savior say,
“Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness
Watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all”

CHORUS

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper’s spots
And melt the heart of stone

CHORUS

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
“Jesus died, my soul to save”
My lips shall still repeat

CHORUS

O praise the One
Who paid my debt
And raised this life up
From the dead
(repeat)

Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #29

Leader

How can we be saved?

Congregation

Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

(kids version)

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Prayer

Sermon

SEE ACCOMPANYING INSERT

Hebrews 3:16-4:11

¹⁶ “For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

^{4:1} Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest,”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.

⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵ And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.”

Our Long Story of Rest

May 2, 2021

Jesus brings us into a long story of rest in a restless world.

1. Rest at Creation (v. 4)

Genesis 2:1-3 “Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.”

2. Rest in the Wilderness (3:16-4:5)

Exodus 20:8-10 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.”

Deuteronomy 5:12-14 “Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.”

Exodus 31:13 “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. Rest through Jesus (vss. 8-11)

Matthew 12:8 For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.

Tim Keller “God appointed the Sabbath to remind us that he is working and resting. To practice Sabbath is a disciplined and faithful way to remember that you are not the one who keeps the world running, who provides for your family, not even the one who keeps your work projects moving forward.”

Shout For Joy

Paul Baloche and Lincoln Brewster

Pour out your fervent praise
There's a song to raise
Like a banner high
Lift up your grateful heart
To the Morning Star
He's alive and here with us

CHORUS

Shout for joy

For the Son of God is the Saving One, He's the Saving One!

Shout for joy

See what love has done, He has come for us, He's the Saving One!

We stood on sinking sand
He reached out His hand
Pulled us to His side
We turned our hearts away
He was strong to save
Now our Savior reigns in us

CHORUS

There is no other God like You
We sing the praises that You're due
Jesus You have saved us

There is no other God who reigns
You are the Name above all names
Jesus You have saved us

CHORUS

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

Leader

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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