

# WORSHIP GATHERING

September 5, 2021

*Pre-service reflection:*

There is a 0.0296% chance that your child will become a professional athlete.

There is a 0.0086% chance that your child will become a famous celebrity.

There is a 100% certainty that your child will stand before Jesus.

What are you teaching your children?

- Dustin Bengel, Provost of Union School of Theology (Wales)



# Call to Worship

*Lamentations 3*

*Leader*

Remember my affliction and my wanderings,  
the wormwood and the gall!  
My soul continually remembers it  
and is bowed down within me.  
But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:

*Congregation*

**The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”**

**The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul who seeks him.  
It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.**

# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*Dave Cleveland, Edward Perronet, Fionan De Barra, John Rippon,  
and Keith Getty*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name  
Let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race  
Ye ransomed from the fall  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all  
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And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all  
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# God Is For Us

*James Ferguson, James Tealy, Jesse Reeves, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren,  
Rich Thompson, and Tiarne Kleyn*

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night  
We will walk the valley, with You by our side  
You will go before us, You will lead the way  
We have found a refuge, only You can save

*CHORUS*

Sing with joy now, our God is for us  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now, no love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble, even when I fall  
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure  
You will not abandon, You will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

*CHORUS*

Neither height nor depth can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He who gave His Son to free us  
Holds us in His love (x2)

*CHORUS (x2)*

# All I Have Is Christ

*by Jordan Kauflin*

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace

*CHORUS*

Hallelujah all I have is Christ  
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me  
O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose  
And let my song forever be my only boast is You

*CHORUS X2*

# Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Gracious Lord, we confess now that we often dishonor You in our words and thoughts and deeds. Depending on our own strength we stumble.

*Congregation*

**Turning our faces from You, Lord, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards You.**

**We pray these things in the name of Your most precious Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

# Declaration of Pardon

*Hebrews 12:1-2*

*Leader*

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

In Christ, you are forgiven, free, and restored!

*Congregation*

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



# In Christ Alone

*Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, What depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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# Confession of Faith

NEW CITY CATECHISM - QUESTION #47

*Leader*

Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?

*Congregation*

**No, Christ died once for all. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also a means of strengthening our faith as we look to him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves.**

*(kids version)*

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# The True Story of the Whole World

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## Creation – Genesis 1:1, 26–28, 31

<sup>1</sup> “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

<sup>26</sup> “Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.””

<sup>31</sup> “And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”

## Fall – Genesis 3:1–8, 15

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And

they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. <sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden...

<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

## Redemption – 2 Corinthians 5:17–21

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## Glory – Revelation 21:1–5

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

# Prayer

## Sermon & Communion

### **Should you take Communion?**

This is a “means of grace”— a method of encouragement and spiritual nourishment from God for those who entrust themselves to Jesus Christ and have received the sign of baptism. This is not for perfect people, it’s for broken people who are honest about their sin and trust in the mercy of Jesus. However, if you are harboring secret or unrepented sin or are in unaddressed conflict with another Christian, we ask that you first repent or go and be reconciled before coming to the table.

New City is happy to be a community where many are in process with that they believe and honestly struggle with sin and reconciliation. For this reason, it is not uncommon for folk to refrain from taking communion.

### **Children**

Should talk with a pastor about personal faith in Christ before taking Communion. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to be in this conversation.

# God Has Come

*Glenn Packiam*

When darkness falls, and sorrow finds me  
This joy I know comes in the morning  
When all seems lost, and strength is fading  
This hope I've found is, Everlasting, Everlasting

*CHORUS*

Our God has come to save, He holds us in His hands  
His promise will remain, His Kingdom has no end  
God has come...

Now faith is here, and strength is rising  
This grace You've shown is so amazing, so amazing

*CHORUS*

Sing hosanna for God has come, Sing hosanna the King has won  
Sing hosanna for God has come, Sing hosanna the King has won  
Salvation comes

*CHORUS*

# Lift High the Name of Jesus

*Ed Cash, Fionan De Barra, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty*

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King  
Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace  
Remember how His mercy reached, and we cried out to Him  
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin

*CHORUS*

Oh sing my soul  
And tell all He's done  
'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord  
His pow'r in us is greater than, is greater than this world  
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace  
That all who see Him shine through us might bring the Father praise

*CHORUS*

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light  
No other name on earth can save, can raise us a soul to life  
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest He has grown  
We labor in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home

*CHORUS X2*

# 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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