

GATHERING

"IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE"
(MICHAEL BURKHARDT)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

- › We have gathered to praise our gracious God.
- » **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

- › For you have been our hope, Sovereign LORD,
- » **Our confidence since our youth.**
- › From birth, we have relied on you;
- » **We will ever praise you.**
- › Our mouths are filled with your praise,
- » **Declaring your splendor all day long.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"COME AWAY FROM RUSH AND HURRY" | MUSIC ON P. 4

Come away from rush and hurry
To the stillness of God's peace;
From our vain ambition's worry,
Come to Christ and find release.
Come away from noise and clamor,
Life's demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered
Here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness
We lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy
We drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of his presence
All his saints are richly fed.
With the oil of his anointing
Into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens—
Life's confusions, fears and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus;
Take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—
He alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment
When to self we gladly die.

PRAYING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Let us come with humble and
repentant hearts to the Lord.
- » **We all, like sheep, have gone astray.
Each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

*The Lord is steadfast, merciful, and slow to anger.
He extends his mercy to us and receives us as we are.
Let's bring our confessions to the Lord silently.*

WORDS OF COMFORT

- › But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
- » **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness!**
- › Sisters and brothers, hear the good news:
in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
- » **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Spend some time praying aloud for the following topics, and for concerns in your life and community:

Pray for those who are lonely, isolated, and overwhelmed in this pandemic season. Pray that they would find comfort, community, and God's presence.

Pray for all school administrators, teachers, parents, tutors, and students. Pray that all would experience meaningful and fulfilling moments of learning in the midst of challenge.

Pray for this upcoming election season. Pray that people would treat one another with dignity and respect despite disagreements.



Request prayer and pray for those with health needs or for those in need of comfort: thirdrva.org/prayer.

THANKSGIVING

OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- › Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

Please pray for our mission partner Linda Lemon in France as she seeks, through counseling and training ministry, to support and care for mission workers in France as they share the gospel, start new churches, and equip God's people to do the work of ministry.



To give online, visit thirdrva.org/give.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- › Gathering our prayers into one, let us boldly pray as our Savior has taught us, saying:
- » **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.**

GREETING OF PEACE

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, take a few moments to pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able, either with those in your home, or by sending a text to other friends and family watching.

"BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR (FAIREST LORD JESUS)"

Beautiful Savior! King of creation!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING | REVELATION 1:20–2:7

²⁰The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

¹“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands.

²I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. ³You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

⁴Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. ⁵Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. ⁶But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

⁷Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

› This is the word of the Lord.

» **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE | “THE LOVE YOU HAD AT FIRST”

SENDING

“WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME”

You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God, the Lord Most High,
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in you, our Christ.

*What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

*What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

You were complete in all your glory;
Still, Jesus, you brought heaven down.
Our sin was great; your love was greater.
What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

*What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory,
For you are raised to life again.

You have no rival, you have no equal.
Now and forever God, you reign.
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.

*What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

*What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

COMMISSION & BLESSING | FROM EPHESIANS 3:16–19

› Out of his glorious riches, may God strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

» **May we have the power,
together with all the saints,
to grasp how wide and long
and high and deep is the love of Christ,
and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—
that we may be filled to the measure
of all the fullness of God.**

“ITALIAN HYMN” (ALBERT TRAVIS)

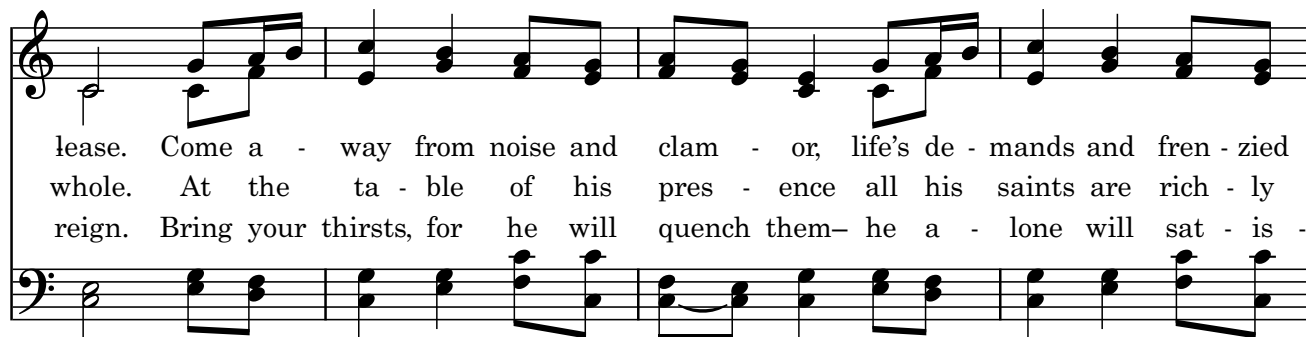
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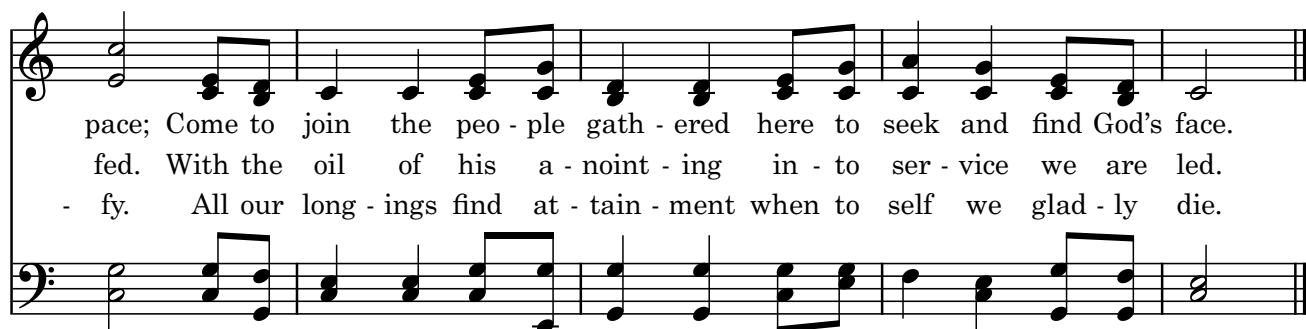
1. Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness of God's
2. In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to rest our
3. Come, then, chil - dren, with your bur - dens— life's con - fu - sions, fears, and



peace; From our vain am - bi - tion's wor - ry, come to Christ and find re -
soul. From the wa - ters of his mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made
pain. Leave them at the cross of Je - sus; take in - stead his king - dom's



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whole. At the ta - ble of his pres - ence all his saints are rich - ly
reign. Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them— he a - lone will sat - is -



pace; Come to join the peo - ple gath - ered here to seek and find God's face.
fed. With the oil of his a - noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.
- fy. All our long - ings find at - tain - ment when to self we glad - ly die.