

Welcome

Hymn – CH4 154 - O Lord my God

1.O Lord my God!
when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works
Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
the power throughout
the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art,
how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art,
how great Thou art!

2.When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook,
and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul.....

3.And when I think
that God His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die – I scarce can
take it in,
that on the cross
my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:
Then sings my soul.....

4. When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
and take me home –
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim,
my God, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul.....

Prayer

Reading: Matthew 4:12-23 - ¹²When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—¹⁴to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Hymn - CH4 30 - I waited for the Lord my God

1. I waited for the Lord my God,
and patiently did bear;
at length to me he did incline
my voice and cry to hear.
2. He took me from a fearful pit,
and from the miry clay,
and on a rock he set my feet,
establishing my way.
3. He put a new song in my mouth,
our God to magnify:
many shall see it, and shall fear,
and on the Lord rely.
4. O blesse'd is the man whose trust
upon the Lord relies;
respecting not the proud, nor such
as turn aside to lies.

Sermon

Hymn - CH4 533 - Will you come and follow me

1. Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?

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4. Will you love the ‘you’ you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found
To reshape the world around
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I’ll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.

Intercessions

Hymn - CH4 249 - We have heard a joyful sound

1. We have heard a joyful sound:
Jesus saves!
Spread the gladness all around:
Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land,
climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward! - 'tis our Lord's command:
Jesus saves!

2. Waft it on the rolling tide,
Jesus saves!
Tell to sinners far and wide,
Jesus saves!
Sing, ye islands of the sea:
Jesus saves!
echo back ye ocean caves;
earth sha keep her jubilee;
Jesus saves!

3. Sing above the battle's strife:
Jesus saves!
By his death and endless life,
Jesus saves!
Sing it softly through the gloom,
when the heart for mercy craves;
sing in triumph o'er the tomb:
Jesus saves!

4. Give the winds a mighty voice:
Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice:
Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free
to every strand that ocean laves -
this our song of victory:
Jesus saves!

Benediction