

WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY, 15 MARCH 2020

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land"

2 Chronicles 7:14, NIV

HYMN OF PRAISE "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" TEH#11

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Your steadfast love, O Lord, is better than life. Therefore, our lips will praise You. We will bless You as long as we live. Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages. We will lift up our hands and call on Your name. For You have been our help and in Your presence we sing for joy!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

God of grace and truth, we come to Your house today to worship You. We bring all of ourselves to You, all of the good, the bad, and the ugly. We entrust our hidden, fearful, and fragile selves to Your transforming power and gentle, loving care. Blessing, glory, and honor are Yours alone. Thank You for the many ways Your Spirit breaks into our lives and into this troubled world. Be with us now, and fill us with Your loving presence. We pray in the name of the One Whose name is above every name, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

RESPONSE "O Lord, My God" (refrain) TEH#19

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee: How great Thou art!
How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. We have been deaf to Your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved Your Holy Spirit. We confess to You, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, our self-indulgent appetites and ways, our exploitation of other people, our anger at our own frustration, our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, our dishonesty in daily life and work, our negligence in prayer and worship, our failure to commend the faith that is in us. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Moment of Silent Meditation)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

First John 1:9 says, "But if we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right: he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing." Because of God's great love for us, we have peace with God and access to God's grace all through Jesus Christ who, while we were sinners, died to free us from the bondage of sin. Therefore, we may ask of Christ to give us the living water that quenches the dryness of our souls. In this we know we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" (refrain) TEH#286

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 17: 1-7 and John 4: 5-42

MEDITATION GUIDE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious Lord, we offer our gifts to You, with grateful, cheerful hearts. Thank You that You faithfully meet our needs on the journey, and sufficiently provide what we need every day. Trusting You, we can share joyfully what we have with others, for Your Kingdom-building. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DECLARATION OF UCCP STATEMENT OF FAITH (ARTICLE V)

We believe God is at work to make each person a new being in Christ, and the whole world, God's kingdom in which love, justice and peace prevail. The kingdom of God is present where faith in Jesus Christ is shared, where healing is given to the sick, where food is given to the hungry, where light is given to the blind, and where liberty is given to the captive and oppressed.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

TEH #77

1. *Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be*

Refrain: *Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
And all I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me. Amen*

2. *Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)*

3. *Pardon for sin, And a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. (Refrain)*

CLOSING PRAYER

In the midst of what is happening in our country and all over the world brought by the spread of the corona virus that threatens life, we seek, O Lord, Your guidance, Your power and Your love to protect and shield us. Give us the wisdom to take care of ourselves, and as we take precautionary measures to avoid it. Protect health workers as they attend to the needs of the patients infected with the said virus; and give complete healing to those infected with it right now. Speak to us, O Lord, that our minds remain peaceful and calm, our hearts seek love and understanding, and our hands continue to work for the good of all. As I leave for a while this place O, Lord prepare me to serve You and honor You in all the things that I do now and in the days ahead. This is my prayer. In Jesus name. Amen.

“AS YOU HAVE BEEN BLESSED, GO, IN GOD’S GRACE, AND BE A BLESSING TOO...”

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