

Partnership in the Gospel

Scripture for Meditation: *Philippians 1:3-6*

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

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Hymn of Mission: *By Faith*

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus:
We will stand as children of the promise!
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward!
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth.

By faith this mountain shall be moved,
And the power of the gospel shall prevail;
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

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Hymn of Mission: *Facing a Task Unfinished*

Facing a task unfinished
That drives us to our knees
A need that, undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease
We, who rejoice to know Thee
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee
To go and make Thee known

Where other lords beside Thee
Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee
Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying
For life, and love, and light
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night

Refrain:
We go to all the world
With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord

We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission
The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition
To Thee we yield our powers

O Father who sustained them
O Spirit who inspired
Saviour, whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us
From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us
To labour for Thy sake

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Prayer of Blessing

Scripture for Responsive Reading: *Isaiah 42:1-9*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him;

he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: “I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.

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Offertory Hymn of Invitation: *How Sweet and Awful Is the Place*

How sweet and awful is the place
With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores!

“Why was I made to hear Thy voice,
And enter while there’s room,
When thousands make a wretched choice,
And rather starve than come?”

’Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
And perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God,
Constrain the earth to come;
Send Thy victorious Word abroad,
And bring the strangers home.

We long to see Thy churches full,
That all the chosen race
May with one voice, and heart, and soul,
Sing Thy redeeming grace.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *Titus 3:5*

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

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Hymn of Pardon: *My Worth Is Not in What I Own*

My worth is not in what I own,
Not in the strength of flesh and bone,
But in the costly wounds of love
At the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name,
In win or lose, in pride or shame,
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross.

Refrain:
I rejoice in my Redeemer,
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul;
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die;
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by,
But life eternal calls to us
At the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might,
Or human wisdom's fleeting light,
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross.

Two wonders here that I confess:
My worth and my unworthiness,
My value fixed - my ransom paid
At the cross.

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Confession of Faith: *Of the Way of Salvation*

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Savior.

Emmanuel Bible Church Statement of Faith

Hymn of Praise: *O Praise the Name*

O Praise the Name
(Anastasis)

1. I cast my mind to Cal - va - ry, where Je - sus
2. His bod - y bound and drenched in tears, they laid Him
3. Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of
4. He shall re - turn in robes of white; the blaz - ing

bled and died for me; I see His wounds, His hands, His
down in Jo - seph's tomb; the en - trance sealed by heav - y
Heav - en rose a - gain. O tramp - led death, where is your
sun shall pierce the night, and I will rise a - mong the

7 feet, my Sav - iour on that curs - ed tree.
stone, Mes - si - ah still and all a - lone.
sting? The an - gels roar for Christ the King!
saints, my gaze trans - fixed on Je - sus' face.

10 O praise the Name of the Lord our God; O

13 praise His Name fo - ev - er - more. For end - less days we will

16 sing your praise. O Lord, O Lord, our God.

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The gospel is boldly advancing under the contested reign and inevitable victory of Jesus the king. This side of Jesus' death and resurrection, all of God's sovereignty is mediated exclusively through King Jesus. . . . Christ "must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet" ([I Cor.] 15:25). That presupposes the reign is still contested, and still advances. This is of a piece with Jesus' claim, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt 16:18). But one day, the final enemy, death itself, will die, and Jesus' mediatorial kingship will end. God will be all in all.

D. A. Carson