

Beholding God and Becoming Like Him

Scripture for Meditation: *I John 3:2-3*

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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Hymn of Praise: *Behold Our God*

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus:

*Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him!
Behold our King; nothing can compare.
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

Tag (4 times):

Men: You will reign forever!

Women: Let Your glory fill the earth!

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Offertory Hymn of the Cross: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most—
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading: *John 15:1-11*

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

Abide in me, and I in you.

As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

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Hymn of Confession: *Purify My Heart*

Purify my heart; touch me with Your cleansing fire.

Take me to the cross; Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me; kindle a love that flows from Your throne.
O purify my heart; purify my heart.
(Repeat)

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Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *I John 2:1*

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

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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 down and died for me; I see His wounds, His hands, His
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

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.

O praise the Name of the Lord our God; O

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

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

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Hymn of Peace: *It Is Well**

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well, with my soul.”

Refrain:
It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Horatio Spafford, 1828-1888
*Children under first grade may leave during this song.

Ministry of the Word

Church Info

Service Times
SUNDAY
9:15 am Corporate Prayer Service
10:30 am Corporate Worship Service

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Dietrich Bonhoeffer