

Celebrating and Displaying God's Love

Scripture for Meditation: *I John 3:16-18*

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

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Hymn of Praise: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
Arranged by Dan Forrest

Offertory Hymn of Love: *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,
The church our blessed Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.

I love Thy church, O God. Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, and written on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be giv'n till toils and cares shall end.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield and brighter bliss of Heav'n.

Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817

Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading: *Genesis 4:3-12*

In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions.

And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard.

So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?” And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”

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Hymn of Love: *What Wondrous Love Is This?*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great “I Am,”
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

Attributed to Alexander Means, c. 1835

Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *I John 3:19*

Whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

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Hymn of Pardon: *O Praise the Name*

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(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!
10 saints, my gaze trans - fixed on Je - sus' face.

13 O praise the Name of the Lord our God; O
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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Confession of Faith: *Selection from the EBC Covenant*

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for one another. We will rejoice at one another's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows. We will be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

Hymn of Trust: *Sovereign Over Us**

There is strength within the sorrow;
There is beauty in our tears;
You meet us in our mourning
With a love that casts out fear.
You are working in our waiting,
Sanctifying us;
When beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust.

Chorus:
Your plans are still to prosper;
You have not forgotten us.
You're with us in the fire and the flood.
You're faithful forever, perfect in love;
You are sovereign over us.

You are wisdom unimagined;
Who could understand your ways.
Reigning high above the heavens,
Reaching down in endless grace.
You're the lifter of the lowly,
Compassionate and kind.
You surround and You uphold me;
Your promises are my delight.

Chorus
Bridge [2x]:
Even what the enemy means for evil,
You turn it for our good;
You turn it for our good and for Your glory.
Even in the valley You are faithful;
You're working for our good;
You're working for our good and for Your glory.

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*Children under first grade may leave during this song.

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SUNDAY

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

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Shepherding Groups
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It is easier to be enthusiastic about Humanity with a capital "H" than it is to love individual men and women, especially those who are uninteresting, exasperating, depraved, or otherwise, unattractive. Loving everybody in general may be an excuse for loving nobody in particular.

C. S. Lewis