

GROWING BY THE WORD

Scripture for Meditation: *1 Peter 2:1-3*

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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Hymn of the Word: *How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed.
For I am thy God; I will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not thee o'rflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Words adapted from Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787

Hymn of Longing: *Laden with Guilt and Full of Fears*

Laden with guilt and full of fears, I fly to Thee my Lord;
And not a glimpse of hope appears, but in Thy written Word
The volumes of my Father's grace does all my griefs assuage.
Here I behold my Savior's face in every page.

This is the field where hidden lies the pearl of price unknown,
That merchant is divinely wise, who makes the pearl his own;
Here consecrated water flows to quench my thirst of sin.
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows; no danger dwells within.

This is the judge that ends the strife where wit and reason fail,
My guide to everlasting life through all this gloomy vale.
Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God, my roving feet command,
Nor I forsake the happy road that leads to Thy right hand.

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Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading: *Psalms 119:97-104*

Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

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Hymn of Suffering: *When Trials Come**

When Trials Come

Keith and Kristyn Getty

1. When tri - als come, no long - er fear, for
2. With - in the night, I know Your peace; The
3. I turn to wis - dom not my own, for
4. When I am wear - y with the cost, I
5. One day all things will be made new; I'll
in the pain, our God draws near to fire a faith worth
Breath of God brings strength to me, and new each morn - ing
ev - ry bat - tle You have known. My con - fi - dence will
see the tri - umph of the cross. So in its sha - dow
see the hope you've called me to and in Your King - dom
more than gold, And there His faith - ful - ness is
mer - cies flow, As trea - sures of the dark - ness
rest in You; Your love en - dures, Your ways are
I shall run, 'Til He com - pletes the work be -
paved with gold, I'll praise Your faith - ful - ness of
told; And there His faith - ful - nes is told.
grow; As trea - sures of the dark - ness grow.
good; Your love en - dures, Your ways are good.
gun; 'Til He com - pletes the work be - gun.
old; I'll praise Your faith - ful - ness of old.

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*Children may leave during this song.

Ministry of the Word

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: *The Lord's Supper*

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Hymn of Provision: *Jesus, Strong and Kind*

Jesus said that if I thirst
I should come to him;
No one else can satisfy.
I should come to him.

Jesus said if I am weak
I should come to him;
No one else can be my strength.
I should come to him.

Chorus:
For the Lord is good and faithful;
He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus,
Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to him;
No one else can be my shield.
I should come to him.

Chorus

Jesus said if I am lost
He will come to me,
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me.

Chorus 2x:

Jesus, strong and kind.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Cup

Hymn of Good News: *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

Church Info

Service Times
SUNDAY
9:15 am Corporate Prayer Service
10:30 am Corporate Worship Service
THROUGHOUT THE WEEK
Shepherding Groups

MINISTERS	The congregation at large
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Surely you know that if a man can't be cured of churchgoing, the next best thing is to send him all over the neighbourhood looking for the church that 'suits' him until he becomes a taster or connoisseur of churches. The reasons are obvious. In the first place the parochial organization should always be attacked, because, being a unity of place and not of likings, it brings people of different classes and psychology together in the kind of unity the Enemy desires. . . . The search for a 'suitable' church makes the man a critic where the Enemy wants him to be a pupil.

Screwtape

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