

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM PSALM 18

**(All) The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,**

(Leader) For who is God, but the Lord?
And who is a rock, except our God?

**(All) The God who equipped me with strength
and made my way blameless.
For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations,
and sing to your name.**

CORPORATE CONFESSION

(All) Almighty God, we come to You in sorrow for our sin, and to humbly confess to You our unbelief. While we believe that Jesus died for us on the cross, and that He was raised for us from the dead, we admit it often makes too little difference in our lives.

Please silently confess your personal sin before the Lord.

Forgive us, we pray. Enable us fully to embrace the truth of the gospel: that our love for You may flourish, that our obedience may be wholehearted and joyful, and that our witness may be more courageous. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and triumphant Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FAITH—THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Q. 31. Why is [Jesus] called “Christ,”
meaning “anointed”?

**A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be
our chief prophet and teacher
who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning
our deliverance;
our only high priest
who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body,
and who continually pleads our cause with the Father;
and our eternal king
who governs us by his Word and Spirit,
and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

HEBREWS 10:11-18 (ESV)

[11] And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. [12] But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, [13] waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. [14] For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

[15] And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

[16] "This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts,

and write them on their minds,"

[17] then he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

[18] Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

SYCAMORE KIDS' VERSION

[11] Every single day the old priests stood, repeatedly offering the same ole' sacrifices which had no power to remove sin, ever! [12] But now that Jesus has given himself as the ultimate sacrifice, he's done with his work and now relaxes next to his Father, [13] looking forward to his enemies propping up his feet. [14] Because through his own death, Jesus has permanently cleansed his people, whom he is making more like him. [15] The Holy Spirit already taught this truth in Jeremiah 31:33-34 saying, [16] "I, the Lord, make this promise to my people: I will change their hearts so they want to obey me, and I will change their minds so they want to think about me." [17] and "I will never ever remember their sin and wickedness...ever!" [18] Since God has forgiven fully in Jesus, there's no more need to sacrifice animals for sin, ever!

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SONG LYRICS

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

(1.) A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great;
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

(2.) Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

(3.) And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

(4.) That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

Before the Throne of God Above

(1.) Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

(2.) When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there,
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

(3.) Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by his blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

(1.) O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

(2.) O light that follows all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

(3.) O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

(4.) O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

(Chorus) Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
His reign on earth begun!

(1.) He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
To take away transgression,
and rule in equity. (Chorus)

(2.) He comes in succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong.

(3.) To give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in His sight. (Chorus)