

# Come Let Us Worship Together...

*(please go through this all out loud and together)*

## WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for today. Thank you for your daily blessings in our lives. Thank you for the nice days when we can get out and see your green grass, smell your beautiful flowers, and feel your warm sun on our faces. Thank you for the hard days when we are forced to merely remind ourselves of your blessings rather than experience them directly. Help us to be thankful for every day that you give us, and for every opportunity you give us to be reminded of your faithfulness.

In Jesus' name we pray, *Amen*.

## WORSHIP IN SONG - *I Will Sing Of My Redeemer...*

I will sing of my Redeemer  
And His wondrous love to me  
On the cruel cross He suffered  
From the curse to set me free

*Chorus:* Sing O sing of my Redeemer  
With His blood He purchased me  
On the cross He sealed my pardon  
Paid the debt and made me free

I will tell the wondrous story  
How my lost estate to save  
In His boundless love and mercy  
He the ransom freely

*Chorus*

I will praise my dear Redeemer  
His triumphant power I'll tell  
How the victory He giveth  
Over sin and death and hell

*Chorus*

I will sing of my Redeemer  
And His heav'nly love for me  
He from death to life Hath brought me  
Son of God with Him to be

*Chorus*

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Philippians 4:4-9** Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

## WORSHIP IN SONG - *Blessed Assurance...*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.



## WORSHIP IN SONG - *Blessed Assurance...* (continued)

*Chorus:* This is my story, this is my song;  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*Chorus*

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*Chorus*

## WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Eric shares the Pastoral Prayer this Sunday. Please pray along with him in spirit.

## WORSHIP IN SONG - *O Worship the King...*

O worship the King all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing His wonderful love,  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

## INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION FOR AFTER THE SERVICE

1. Sometimes it's easy to thank God because the things around us are everything that we were hoping for and exactly what we prefer--but why do we so often nonetheless forget to give thanks to God during those times? Let's give a couple of possible answers, and please be specific. What does that suggest to you about thankfulness?
2. Other times, it's hard to thank God because the things around us are so far from what we were hoping for and so contrary to what we prefer--so why do we struggle to give thanks to God during *those* times? Let's give a couple of possible answers, and again, please be specific. What does *that* suggest to you about thankfulness?
3. If Jesus and James were right that we *never* know what tomorrow will bring, and the only thing we *know* about life here is that we're here right now--*today*--then what does that suggest about how we should be applying what Paul told the Philippians? Again, please be specific. How can we pray for one another to live that out today?