

The Parables of Jesus

The Lost Son And The Father

The great objection of a penitent is, I have sinned, and I know not whether God will receive me: consider, God knows your sin better than you do, yet he kindly calls to you, and promises you as good a reception as if you had never sinned. Did not God know what would be created by him, before it was created by him?

Stephen Charnock

The playing of the chimes is a signal that the hour of our corporate worship has begun.
During this time, we invite you to silently prepare your hearts to praise our Triune God to
whom belongs all glory, power, and majesty.

(Please silence all phones and non-medical electronic devices.)

Hearing support is available. Please, ask an usher, audio technician, or Deacon Norm Marks.

Welcome

PASTOR BARBER

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude — God, Give Us Christian Homes (B. B. McKinney; arr. C. Berry)

HIGO RODRIGUES,
Piano

❖ GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship — Psalm 24:7–10 (NIV, adap.)

Pastor: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that
the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is this King of glory?**

Pastor: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

People: **Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient
doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Pastor: Who is he, this King of glory?

All: **The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory. Let us praise our
God!**

❖ Hymn — Come, Thou Almighty King (music opposite page)

Come, Thou Almighty King

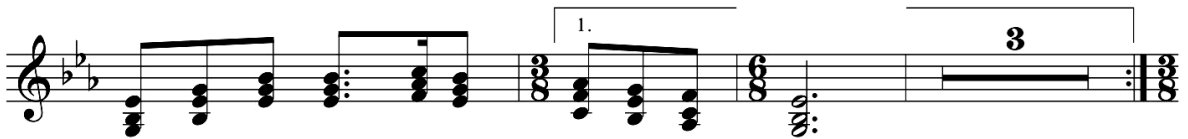
Felice De Giardini, Tommy Bailey,
Sarah Gehri, Nathan Mickle, Tom Yarbrough
Arr. by Grant Wall



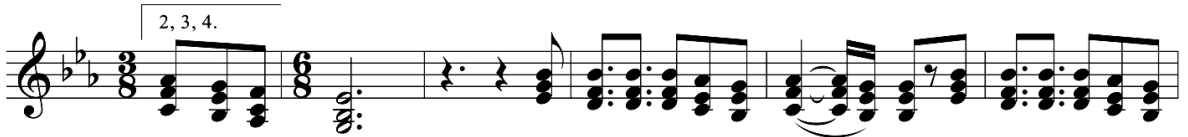
1. Come, thou Al - mighty - y King, help us Thy name to sing,
2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on Thy might - y sword;
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear,
4. To Thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be,



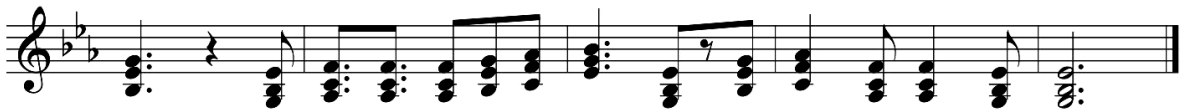
help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
Our prayer at - tend. Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, and give Thy Word suc - cess;
in this glad hour. Thou who al - mighty art, now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
hence ev - er more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,



come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Spir - it of ho - li - ness
and ne'er from us de - part,
and to e - ter - ni - ty



on us de - scend. All glo - ry be to the Fa - ther. All glo - ry be to the
Spir - it of pow'r.
love and a - dore



Son. All glo - ry be to the Spir - it, the bless - ed three in One.

❖ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION (followed by 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 the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

❖ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, by which a sinner, being truly aware of his sinfulness, understands the mercy of God in Christ, grieves for and hates his sins, and turns from them to God, fully intending and striving for a new obedience.

❖ **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

ELDER BERNIE
COHEN

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testament reading — Hosea 11:7–9 (Pew Bible, p. 961)

7 My people are bent on turning away from me,
and though they call out to the Most High,
he shall not raise them up at all.

8 How can I give you up, O Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.

9 I will not execute my burning anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and not a man,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.

Hosea 11:7–9

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN
(followed by Private Confession of Sin)

Father, forgive me, I am a sinner in desperate need of your grace. Forgive me for every moment I fail to seek and celebrate your generous forgiveness. Forgive me for failing to quest to be holy as you are holy. Forgive me for every instance where my heart wanders from your righteous path. Forgive me for words unsaid that should've been said and for words said that should never have been said. Forgive me for feeling entitled to be loved while at that same time failing to love. Forgive me for carrying a burden of guilt because I have doubted your forgiveness. Forgive me for those times when I have failed to love justice, mercy, and humility. Knowing that my penalty has been paid, I come to you for what only you can offer. Please work to keep my heart tender and may my mouth always be willing to confess my need for your forgiveness.

Assurance of Pardon

Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

Romans 4:4–5 (Pew Bible, p. 1197)

WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

Reception of New Members and Baptism

Josh, Sophia, Cody, Shane, Riley, Callum Barnhart

WE GIVE TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING



You can also give online on our website, through the app Vanco Mobile, or mail a check to the office (if it is for the Deacons Fund, please note on the memo).

Offertory Response — *Munera Pacis* (Saint Gregory, 540–604; John 14:27)

Ecce jam noctis tenuatur umbra,

Behold, already night and shadows
taper off

Lux et auroræ rutilans coruscat:

Light and dawn sparkle and quiver

Supplices rerum Dominum canora

We humbly beg the Lord through song

Voce precemur:

Our voices pray:

Ut reos culpæ miseratus, omnem

Though we are guilty, view us with
compassion

Pellat angorem, tribuat salutem,

Banish anguish, bestow health

Donet et nobis bona sempiternæ

Grant us everlasting goodness

Munera pacis.

Give us peace.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

❖ Song — Trust In God (music next pages)

Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. Children 2 and 3 years old may go to Beginner Bible in room 100; children 4 years to 2nd grade may depart during the last verse to the Fellowship Hall for Junior Church.

Parents please pick up children after the service.

Trust In God

Original Words by
Fanny Jane Crosby

Add'l. Words and Music by
Brandon Lake, Chris Brown,
Mitch Wong and Steven Furtick

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine.
 (2. Per - fect sub) - mis - sion, all is at rest.

4
 He's been my fourth man in the fi - re ___ time af - ter ___ time.
 I know the au - thor of to - mor - row has or - dered my ___ steps.

8
 Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood,
 So this is my sto - ry, and this is my song.

12
 and what He did for me on Cal - v'ry is more than e - nough.
 I'm prais - ing my ri - sen King and Sav - ior ___ all the day ___ long.

16
 I trust in God, my Sav - ior, the One ___ who will nev - er fail. ___

22
 ___ He will nev - er fail. ___ I trust in God, my Sav - ior, the One

27
 ___ who will nev - er fail. ___ He will nev - er fail. ___ 1. ___
 2. Per - fect sub -

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I sought the Lord, and He heard and He answered. I sought the Lord, and He heard and He answered.

38 

I sought the Lord, and He heard and He answered. That's why I trust Him, that's why I trust in

42 

God, my Sav - ior, the One _____ who will nev - er fail. _____ He will nev - er

48 

fail. _____ I trust in God, my Sav - ior, the One _____ who will nev - er

54 

fail. _____ He will nev - er fail. _____

GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING

The Lost Son And The Father — Luke 15:1–2, 11–32 (Pew Bible, p. 1112)

^{15:1} Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.

² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” [...]

¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

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²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

Luke 15:1–2, 11–32

✦ Song — It Was Finished Upon that Cross (music next pages)

✦ **GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING**

GRACE & PEACE Choir Rehearsal — 4–5pm

YOUTH GROUP — 5–7pm

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Words and Music by
Jonny Robinson, Rick Thompson
& Nigel Hendroff

E A/E E C#m B

1. How I love the voice of Je - sus on the Cross of Cal - va - ry.
2. Now the curse, it has been bro - ken, Je - sus paid the price for me.

5 E A E/G# A B E

He de - clares His work is fin - ished, He has spo - ken this hope to me.
Full, the par - don He has of - fered. Great, the wel - come that I re - ceive.

9 C#m A E B

Though the sun had ceased its shin - ing, though the war ap - peared as lost.
Bold - ly I ap - proach my Fa - ther, clothed in Je - sus' right - eous - ness.

13 C#m A E/G# A B

Christ has tri - umphed o - ver e - vil, it was fin - ished up - on that Cross.
There is no more guilt to car - ry, it was fin - ished up - on that

21 E/G# 3 E

Cross. 3. Death was once my great op - pon - ent,

27 C#m/E B/E E A/E E/G# A

fear once had a hold on me. But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be

32 B E 3 E A/E

free in - deed! Death was once my great op - pon - ent,

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39 E C#m B E A
 fear once had a hold on me. But the Son who died to save us

43 E/G# A B E E/G# A B E
 rose that we would be free in-deed! Yes, He rose that we would be free in-deed!

47 C#m A E B C#m
 Free from ev-'ry plan of dark-ness, free to live and free to love. Death is dead and
 On - ward to e - ter - nal glo - ry, to my Sa - vior and my God. I re - joice in

52 A E/G# A 1. B E
 Christ is ris - en, it was fin - ished up - on that Cross.
 Je - sus' vic - t'ry. It was fin - ished up -

55 2. B C#m E/G# A B C#m E/G# A B E
 on that Cross. It was fin-ished up - on that Cross. It was fin-ished up - on that Cross.



OUR MISSION We exist to change lives through sharing Christ.
We carry out this mission in three ways:

GATHER — we gather Christians together to worship God through Jesus Christ

MORNING WORSHIP—10:45AM

DISCIPLE — we make disciples and grow in our relationship with God and each other

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES—9:30AM.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP—Summer study begins Wednesday, May 14, 7:-00-8:30pm. “No Empty Word: Relentless Pursuit—A Study on Hosea”

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—Thursdays from 8:00–9:00AM in Fellowship Hall and online. “Sojourners and Exiles” by Sinclair Ferguson. New study “Imprisoned” begins May 23. See newsletter for info.

OFFICE NOMINATION PROCESS (May 1-June30). Officer nomination forms are available at the information counter. Please see our newsletter for important information/instructions.

SEND — we are all Christ’s ambassadors that are sent into the world locally and globally

MISSIONARIES—Andrew & Megan Nairn - MTW: Japan (see our Missionary Highlight in this week’s online EPiC Newsletter)

A DOOR OF HOPE’S BABY BOTTLE BENEFIT—Ends next Sunday, May 19th. See newsletter for more information.

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIPS - Deadline to register is **today, May 12th!** Go to EP website on the youth page for more information and to register.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—July 15-19, 9am-noon. Registration is open on our website.

SPORTS CAMP—July 31-August 3, 9am-noon. Registration is open on our website.

Attendance and Financial Information for May 5, 2024

SS: 133 - AM: 276 - PM: 119

General Fund

Weekly Gifts Received	\$ 22,726.65
Weekly Budgeted Requirements	\$ 22,240.00
Year-to-Date Gifts Received	\$378,030.57
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$400,321.44
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$371,928.94
Slides & Rides Fundraiser	\$36,958.94

Deacons Fund

Deacons Fund Receipts (Apr.)	\$ 3,188.94
YTD Deacons Fund Receipt	\$15,203.52
YTD Deacons Fund Expenses	\$50,729.73
Deacons Fund Ending Balance	\$ 8,563.52



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