

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY - (G) 253; all 4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near,
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,
sheltering you under His wings, oh, so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
as with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again.
Gladly forever adore Him!

Text: Joachim Neander Tune: Emewerten Gesangbuch. Church CCLI License #133103

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Chorus: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. **Chorus**

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! **Chorus 2x**

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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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IN SWEET COMMUNION, LORD, WITH YOU - (G) 554; all 5

In sweet communion, Lord, with You I constantly abide;
my hand You hold within Your own to keep me near Your side.

Your counsel through my earthly way shall guide me and control,
and then to glory afterward You will receive my soul.

Whom have I, Lord, in heaven but You, to whom my thoughts aspire?
And, having You, what more on earth is there I can desire?

Though flesh and heart should faint and fail, the Lord will ever be
the strength and portion of my heart, my God eternally.

To live apart from God is death; 'tis good His face to seek.
My refuge is the living God; His praise I long to speak.

Text: Psalm 73:23-28 Tune: William U. Butcher Church CCLI License #133103

WE RECEIVE YOUR BLESSING

We receive Your blessing; we receive Your grace,
as we walk in the light shining from Your face.
May the peace that You give change the way that we live.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Chorus: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, you heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost. **Repeat all, Chorus**

We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

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Welcome to Our Evening Worship Service
Sunday, May 14th, 2023
6:00 PM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song of Praise

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (G) 253; all 4

*God's Greeting

*Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 1

*Song of Faith

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Prayer Requests and Prayer

Offering: Escalon Youth Center

*Song of Preparation

"Jesus, Strong and Kind"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Various texts

Meditation: **"Does Prayer Work? - Part 1"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application

"In Sweet Communion, Lord, with You" (G) 554; all 5

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Benediction

*Closing Song

"We Receive Your Blessing"

*Postlude

Preaching: Pastor Dave Vander Meulen

Piano: Heidi Veldstra **Guitar:** Corey Van Vliet

Praise Team: Cora Vander Meulen, John Veenstra,
Corey Van Vliet, Heidi Veldstra

***Please stand if able (G) denotes gray hymnal in pew racks
(B) blue songbooks under pews**