

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN - (G) 475; all 4

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to His people in distress.
Praise Him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness!

Father-like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hand He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1834; based on Psalm 103. Tune: John Goss, 1869. Church CCLI License #133103

KING OF KINGS

In the darkness, we were waiting without hope, without light.
'Til from heaven, You came running. There was mercy in the Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word.
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus: Praise the Father, praise the Son.
Praise the Spirit Three in One.
God of glory, majesty. Praise forever to the King of kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.
Oh, for even in Your suff'ring, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake, You died. **Chorus**

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath
'til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born. Then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom, I am free.
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me. **Chorus 2x**

We praise forever to the King of kings.

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KNOWING YOU

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres and wars to own.
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,
spent and worthless now compared to this.

Chorus: Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
there is no greater thing. You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness, and I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
to be found in You, and known as Yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
all surpassing gift of righteousness. **Chorus**

Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life,
and to know You in Your sufferings.
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
so with You to live and never die. **Chorus**

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HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION - (G) 500; vv. 1, 2, 4 & 5

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

"Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace all sufficient shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has 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!"

Text: J. Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt Tune: J. Funk's A Compilation of Genuine Church Music, 1832; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985.
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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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HE LEADETH ME - (G) 452; all 4

He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

Refrain: He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
by His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be,
for by His hand He leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me! **Refrain**

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine,
Content, whatever lot I see, Since 'tis my God that leadeth me! **Refrain**

And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God thru Jordan leadeth me! **Refrain**

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Welcome to Our Morning Worship Service

Sunday, September 3rd, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*Opening Song of Praise

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (G) 475; all 4

*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise and Adoration

"King of Kings"

Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #1

Song of Response

"Knowing You"

(Children may come forward for Little Lambs and Children in Worship)

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: Bethany Home

*Song of Preparation

"How Firm a Foundation" (G) 500; vv. 1, 2, 4 & 5

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-2 (p. 712)

Sermon: **"A Word of Comfort"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Benediction

*Closing Song

"He Leadeth Me" (G) 452; all 4

*Postlude

Preaching: Pastor Dave Vander Meulen

Organ: Kevin Tazelaar **Piano:** Laura Koolhaas

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