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Worship Focus

Jesus Cares for Us to the End



HE
cares for you

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OPENING HYMN

351 - Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus



1 Hail, O once - de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, O Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
3 Je - sus, heav'n - ly hosts a - dore you, Seat - ed at your
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing You are wor - thy



le - an King! You have suf - fered to re - lease us,
you were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
Fa - ther's side. Cru - ci - fied this world once saw you;
to re - ceive; Loud - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



Hope to give and peace to bring. Hail, O u - ni - ver - sal
You have full a - tone - ment made. Ev - 'ry sin has been for -
Now in glo - ry you a - bide. There for sin - ners you are
Right it is for us to give. Help, O bright an - gel - ic



Sav - ior, Bear - er of our sin and shame; By your mer -
giv - en Through the pow - er of your blood; O - pen is
plead - ing, And our place you now pre - pare, Ev - er for
spir - its, All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing



its we find fa - vor; Life is giv - en through your name.
the gate of heav - en; We are rec - on - ciled to God.
us in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
our Sav - ior's mer - its; Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise.

Text: A Collection of Hymns, London, c. 1757, alt.

Tune: O DURCHBRECHER ALLER BANDE (87 87 D) Freylinghausen, Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1704, alt.

INVOCATION

Minister The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 1:1-14

As Jesus ascends into heaven he promises his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit.

^{ACTS 1:1} In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.³ After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city.¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

PSALM

Psalm 8

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You have set your glory above the | heavens.

When I consider your | heavens,*
the work of your | fingers,

what is man that you are mind | ful of him,*
the Son of Man that you | care for him?

Refrain

You made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*
and crowned him with glory and | honor.

You made him ruler over the works | of your hands;*
you put everything un | der his feet.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11

Though we suffer as followers of Christ, we can rely on God to hold us up.

¹ PETER 4:12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"? (169:3)**

GOSPEL John 17:1-11

As the completion of his work drew near, Jesus prayed that the Father would continue to protect his disciples while they remained in the world.

JOHN 17:1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶ “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



Jesus' High
Priestly Prayer

HYMN OF THE DAY

359 - Jesus, My Great High Priest



1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, Of - fered his blood and
2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, Will I com - mit my
3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on -
4 Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell un -



died; My guilt - y con - science seeks No sac - ri -
cause; He an - swers and ful - fills His Fa - ther's
high; A gra - cious Fa - ther hears And lays his
known Put their most dread - ful forms Of rage and



fi - ce be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -
bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom
thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can
mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -



tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne.
set— My Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!
say Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.
plays Su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.
Tune: BEVAN (66 66 88) John Goss, 1800–80.

SERMON

John 17:1-11

Look for Glory in All the Right Places

CONFESSIOIN OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day. We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

C Hear us, good Lord.

M You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

C Hear us, good Lord.

M Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them. Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

C **Hear us, good Lord.**

M Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being. Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

C **Hear us, good Lord.**

M We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory. We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

428 - Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me?
 2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me,
 3 God gives me my days of glad - ness,
 4 Since I know God nev - er fails me,



Christ is near With his cheer; Nev - er
 Though their weight May be great, They will
 And I will Trust him still When he
 In his voice I'll re - joice When grim



will he leave me. Who can rob me
 not de - feat me. God, my lov - ing
 sends me sad - ness, God is good; his
 death as - sails me. Trust - ing in my



of the heav - en That God's Son For
 Sav - ior, sees them; He who knows All
 love at - tends me Day by day, Come
 Sav - ior's mer - it, Safe at last, Trou -



me won When his life was giv - en?
 my woes Knows how best to end them.
 what may, Guides me and de - fends me.
 bles past, I shall heav'n in - her - it.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76, st. 1-3, abr.; Harlyn J. Kuschel, b. 1945, st. 4; tr. composite, st. 1-3.
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Tune: WARUM SOLLT ICH MICH DENN GRÄMEN (8 33 6 D) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637-76.

PRAYER

M Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

411 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a

griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry
 an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—
 load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—

Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -

for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -
 faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus
 sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his

cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt.
 Tune: CONVERSE (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.



Jesus Prays

John 17



**“...so that
they may be
one...”**

John 17:11