

JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

CROSBY/DOANE

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

There the bright and morning star
Sheds its beams around me.

**In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.**

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;

Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.

Words by Fanny Crosby (1869) Music by W. Howard Doane

LORD I NEED YOU

REEVES, STANFILL, MAHER, NOCKELS, CARSON

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
CHORUS

**Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You**

Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay
CHORUS

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are

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PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW (DOXOLOGY)

THOMAS/MAINZER

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GIVING

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Apologetics Course: Starts this Monday evening (8-9:30) at a special location (Hilton Garden Inn at Southpoint). Contact Steeve Gadde with questions: krupastephen@gmail.com.

Mustard Seed Grants: Have a great idea about how to love and serve people locally (or globally)? Apply for a Mustard Seed Grant: www.allgather.org/engaged/mustard-seed-grants. Applications are due 1/20.

Mom's Playgroup: This weekly group will start up again this Monday (1/14) from 10:30-12:30 at Downing Creek playground, contact Laci McDowell to get on her email list for updates and meeting changes: lacimcd@gmail.com.

Potluck Schedule: We'll hold our first potluck of 2013 on Sunday January 20th!

2012 GIVING

\$332,255.89

2012 BUDGET GOAL

\$300,000

WAYS TO WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING:

- (1) In the black box on the back table on Sundays.
- (2) By automating a draft through your bank.
- (3) By mailing a check to PO Box 16402/Chapel Hill, NC 27516.
- (4) Online through Paypal.

Fill out a visitor's card to be included in church communications. To have an announcement included email: happenings@allgather.org. Keep up with the Gathering Church on Twitter ([@allgather](https://twitter.com/allgather)) or www.facebook.com/allgather. Check out Music from the Gathering Church: music.allgather.org (to stream or buy) or blog.allgather.org.

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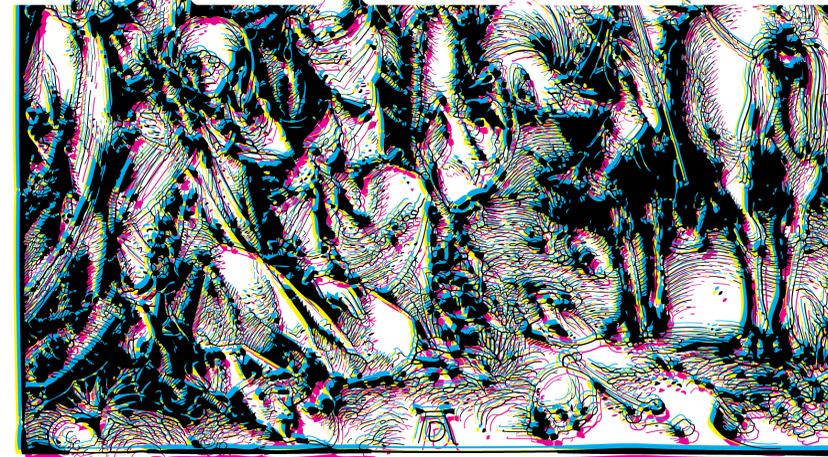


January 13, 2013

Psalm 37:18-31 | Colossians 1:24-29



FOCUS



"A mystery is a truth undiscoverable, except by revelation. Never necessarily, as our popular use of the word may suggest, a thing unintelligible or perplexing in itself. In Scripture a mystery may be a fact which, when revealed, we cannot understand in detail, though we can know it and act upon it."
- Handley Moule

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

HEBER/DYKES

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; There is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and Seraphim
Falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
In Earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity.

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Gathering Church. We are a church that is growing in doing three things well: being present to God in worship, being connected to each other in community, and being engaged in the world by serving and sharing God's love. Thank you for gathering this morning to worship the Lord.

OUR GOD'S ALIVE

MUCKALA, CHERRY, INGRAM

Come on everyone, see what He has done
He has lifted us, He has overcome
The power of the grave
And the sin that once enslaved
Couldn't hold Him in the ground
Couldn't keep Him down

Reigning on His throne, drawing ever close
Giving us this hope. He'll never let us go
Oh, death has been defeated
Jesus Christ, Redeemer
Conquered hell and freed us
Forever we are saved

CHORUS

**Rise with a shout, cry out,
"Our God's alive!"
Rise holy fire, burn bright, burn bright
Rise with a shout, cry out for freedom
Rise church, arise.
Our God's alive**

He alone can save us. He will not forsake us
He remains forever, Our Savior
See Him reign in power
Stronger than our failures
Always and forever, Our Savior

CHORUS

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HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

RIPPON/TRADITIONAL

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.
What more can he say, than to you he hath said;
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

Fear not, I am with thee, oh be not dismayed
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I strengthen thee, help thee,
And cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my Righteous, Omnipotent Hand.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes.
That soul, though all Hell
Should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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OVERWHELMED

WHITE

I wonder what you think of frantic tales
That speak of You as if you're not there
Oh I wonder if it breaks your heart

Jesus, we are weak, so be our strength

I wonder when like a thief you will return
Will we be asleep or do our hearts yearn
To come beneath Your burning gaze?

I wonder if the mountain would really jump
Into the Sea if only we believed
Oh help our unbelief

*We are overwhelmed by your love
We are overwhelmed by your love*

Forgive us for the days that we stray

CHORUS

When we're overwhelmed

We'll look up and we'll say

Glorious, beautiful

*We are overwhelmed by your love
We are overwhelmed by your love*

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DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN & THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

As the children are dismissed to participate in Gathering Kids activities, find someone you do not know, welcome them, and exchange a sign of Christ's welcome and peace. As the kids leave, please fill in the two center seating areas. There are bibles available for use on the back table if you didn't bring one.

SERMON NOTES

[Something I have learned.]

[Something I will share.]

COMMUNION

Come and receive of the feast that Jesus offers those who follow him. During this time, we remember Jesus' sacrifice and are nourished by his Body that was broken on the cross for us. In front of the stage there is an area available for kneeling and prayer. Feel free to take some time before and after receiving to pray.