

JESUS SPREADS HIS BANNER O'ER US

While the sons of earth retiring,
From the sacred temple roam;
Lord, Thy light and love desiring,
To Thine altar fain we come.
Children of our heavenly Father,
Friends and brethren we would be;
While we round Thy table gather,
May our hearts be one in Thee.

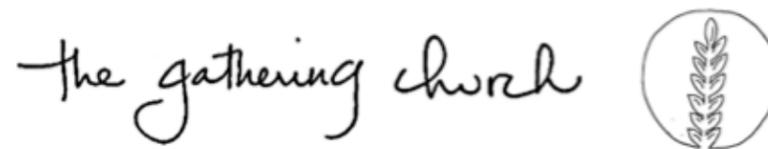
Jesus spreads his banner o'er us,
Cheers our famished souls with food;
He the banquet spreads before us,
Of His mystic flesh and blood.

Words by Roswell Park (1836) Music - "Autumn" by Francois Barthelemon (1785)

PARK/BARTHELEMON

Precious banquet, bread of heaven,
Wine of gladness, flowing free;
May we taste it, kindly given,
In remembrance, Lord, of Thee.

In Thy holy incarnation,
When the angels sang Thy birth;
In Thy fasting and temptation,
In Thy labors on the earth,
In Thy trial and rejection,
In Thy sufferings on the tree,
In Thy glorious resurrection,
May we, Lord, remember Thee.



December 30, 2012
Luke 2:21-38

OH TO BE LOVED

COCKRELL

Oh to be loved by Jesus,
oh to be loved by Him
Oh to have joy and peace within,
oh to be loved by Him

Oh to be loved by Jesus, oh to be loved by Him
Oh to have joy and peace within,
oh to be loved by Him

He knows the name of my sorrows
He knows the names of my fears
Why should I let them bother me
For I know He is near

And If no other will love me, in this life I roam
Oh there'd be no love I'd long for,
I know I am His own

Oh to be loved by Jesus, oh to be loved by Him
Oh to have joy and peace within,
oh to be loved by Him

Written by Thad Cockrell ©2009 Major 7 Music (SESAC)

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

KING JOHN/WADE

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels.

**O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.

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- Jack Levison

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

God rest ye merry gentlemen
 Let nothing you dismay
 Remember Christ our Savior
 Was born on Christmas day
 To save us all from Satan's power
 When we were gone astray
 O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
 O tidings of comfort and joy

In Bethlehem, in Israel,
 This blessed Babe was born
 And laid within a manger
 Upon this blessed morn

TRADITIONAL

The which His Mother Mary
 Did nothing take in scorn
 O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
 O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our Heavenly Father
 A blessed Angel came;
 And unto certain Shepherds
 Brought tidings of the same:
 How that in Bethlehem was born
 The Son of God by name.
 O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
 O tidings of comfort and joy

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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.

HOSANNA (PRAISE IS RISING)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You,
 We turn to You
 Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You,
 We long for You
 'Cause when we see You,
 We find strength to face the day
 In Your Presence all our fears are washed away,
 Washed away

BROWN/BALOCHE

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You,
 We turn to You
 In Your Kingdom, broken lives are made new,
 You make us new
 'Cause when we see You,
 We find strength to face the day
 In Your Presence all our fears are washed away,
 Washed away

Hosanna, hosanna
You are the God Who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

'Cause when we see You,
 We find strength to face the day
 In Your Presence
 all our fears are washed away

CHORUS

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HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God,
 When I in awesome wonder,
 Consider all the worlds
 Thy Hands have made;
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
 Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

BOBERG/TRADITIONAL

And when I think,
 That God, His Son not sparing;
 Sent Him to die,
 I scarce can take it in;
 That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
 He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come,
 With shout of acclamation,
 And take me home,
 What joy shall fill my heart.
 Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
 And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

CHORUS

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BE UNTO YOUR NAME

We are a moment
 You are forever
 God of Ages
 God before God
 We are a vapor
 You are eternal
 God everlasting
 Reigning on high

DESHAZO/SADLER

We are the broken
 You are the Healer
 Jesus Redeemer
 Mighty to save
 You are the love song
 We'll sing forever
 Bowing before You
 Blessing Your Name

Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Higher praises, honor and glory
Be unto your name
Be unto your name

Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
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Written by Gary Sadler and Lynn DeShazo ©1998 Integrity's Hosanna! Music CCLI# 2177416

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.]

WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME

Let the weak say, "I am strong"
 Let the poor say, "I am rich"
 Let the blind say, "I can see"
 It's what the Lord has done in me

MORGAN

To the river I will wade
 There my sins are washed away
 From the heavens' mercy streams
 Of the Savior's love for me

Let the weak say, "I am strong"
 Let the poor say, "I am rich"
 Let the blind say, "I can see"
 It's what the Lord has done in me

I will rise from waters deep
 Into the saving arms of God
 I will sing salvation songs
 Jesus Christ has set me free

CHORUS

Hosanna, hosanna
To the Lamb that was slain
Hosanna, hosanna
Jesus died and rose again

Let the weak say, "I am strong"
 Let the poor say, "I am rich"
 Let the blind say, "I can see"
 It's what the Lord has done in me

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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.