

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Gathered together
to
worship God

March 11, 2018

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There's a wideness
in God's mercy

Hymnal #145
words by Frederick W. Faber, 1854
music by Lizzie S. Tourjée, 1878

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1
There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

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2
There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Savior,
there is healing in his blood.


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3
But we make God's love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.

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4
For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

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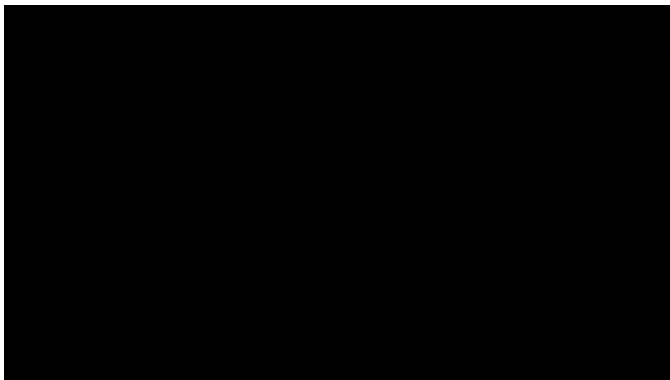


If our love were but more simple
we should rest upon God's word,
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

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Announcements



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Prelude


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Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1-3
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One:
Oh, thank God—he's so good!

All:
His love never runs out.

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One:
All of you set free by God,
tell the world!


All:
*Tell how he freed you
from oppression,*



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One:
Then rounded you up
from all over the place,

All:
*from the four winds,
from the seven seas.*



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Great is the Lord

Hymnal #87
by Michael W. Smith & Deborah D Smith
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Refrain:
Great is the Lord,
he is holy and just,
by his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord,
he is faithful and true,
by his mercy he proves he is love.




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1
Great is the Lord,
and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord,
and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord;
now lift up your voice,
now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!



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Great are you, Lord,
and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord,
and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord;
I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

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Opening Prayer

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A Torah Story

Numbers 21:4-9

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Responding with Psalm...

107:17-22

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One:
Some of the redeemed were fools
because of their sinful ways.

All:
***They suffered because
of their wickedness.***

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One:
They had absolutely
no appetite for food;
they had arrived at death's gates.

All:
***So they cried out to the Lord in their
distress, and God saved them from
their desperate circumstances.***

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One:
God gave the order and healed them;
he rescued them from their pit.

All:
*Let them thank the Lord
for his faithful love and
his wondrous works for all people.*



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One:
Let them offer
thanksgiving sacrifices
and declare what God has done
in songs of joy!



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Responding with
Offerings



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Video



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Gospel


John 3:14-21

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Sharing a joy,
a concern, a word
of testimony
or praise




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Savior, like a shepherd lead us


Hymn #355
words are anonymous, 1836
music by William B. Bradbury, 1859

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Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care.
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
thou hast bought us, thine we are.

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We are thine, do thou befriend us,
be the guardian of our way.
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
hear, O hear us, when we pray.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
hear, O hear us, when we pray.

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Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us do thy will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
thou hast loved us, love us still.

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Prayer

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Ephesians 2:1-10

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today's message:

"The healing promise"



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Amazing grace!

Hymnal #143
text (v.1-5) by John Newton, 1779
(v. 6 – anonymous, 1790)
American folk melody, 1831



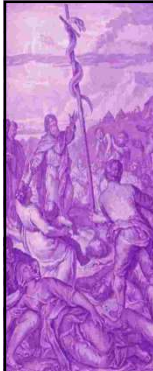
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1.
Amazing grace!
how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.




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2.
'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.




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3.
Through many dangers,
toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me
safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.



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4.
Yes, when this flesh
and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.



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5.


The earth shall soon
dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.



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6.


When we've been there
ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days
to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.



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Responsive Benediction

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One:

As you leave this place,
remember you are
God's community in the world:

All:

for God's love endures forever!




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One:

As you leave this place,
remember you are alive with Christ:

All:

***for Christ's light shines
in the deepest shadows!***



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One:

As you leave this place,
remember the gifts
God offers to you:

All:

***for the Spirit fills us
with good works to do,
and glad songs to sing to the world!***



