

# Gathered together to worship God

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And Jesus sent them out in pairs

# Marvelous grace of our loving Lord

Hymnal #151

words by Julia H. Johnston

music by Daniel B. Towner

1911



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1.  
Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.



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*Refrain:*  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
(Marvelous grace, infinite grace),  
grace that will pardon & cleanse within.



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2.  
Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,  
threaten the soul with infinite loss.  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,  
points to the refuge, the mighty cross.



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*Refrain:*  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
(Marvelous grace, infinite grace),  
grace that will pardon & cleanse within.



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grace that is greater  
than all our sin.


3.  
Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
freely bestowed on all who believe.  
You that are longing to see his face,  
will you this moment his grace receive?



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*Refrain:*  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
(Marvelous grace, infinite grace),  
grace that will pardon & cleanse within.

Grace, grace, God's grace,  
(Marvelous grace, infinite grace),  
grace that is greater  
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# Announcements



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# Prelude



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# Call to Worship


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*One:*  
Which way do I look? Which way do I turn?


*People:*  
**Look up. Lift up your eyes!**



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One:  
Why should I look up? I must focus ahead.  
There are so many things demanding my time.

People:  
**Our eyes look to the Lord our God.**




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One:  
My eyes will scan the heavens,  
until God has mercy on me.

People:  
**My eyes will scan the heavens,  
until God has mercy on us.**


All:  
*We will lift up our eyes  
and never lose hope.*



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**Guide me, O  
thou great Jehovah**

Hymnal #582  
words by William Williams (1717-1791)  
music by John Hughes (1873-1932)




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<sup>1.</sup>  
Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy pow'ful hand.  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.




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<sup>2.</sup>  
Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing waters flow.  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still  
my strength and shield.



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<sup>3.</sup>  
When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death & hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.



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# Opening Prayer

by Nancy C. Townley  
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# From the Prophets

Ezekiel 2:1-5

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# Responsive Confession

Hymnal #691

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Leader:

Almighty God, Spirit of purity and grace  
whose dwelling is with the humble and contrite heart,  
hear your children's confession of sin  
and grant us mercy.

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Leader (continued):

For all that has been evil in our lives;  
for unholy thoughts and impure motives,  
for any scorn of goodness, trifling with truth,  
and indifference to beauty,  
for being petty when we could have been gracious,

People:

forgive us, O God.

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Leader:

For lack of love toward you,  
whose love has never failed;  
for doubt in your providence, for acts of ingratitude,  
and for disobedience to visions  
we have been able to see,

People:

forgive us, O God.


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Leader:  
 For the one we have done our neighbors;  
 for silence in the face of war,  
 for neglect of charity and failure in justice,  
 for forgetfulness of other's pain,  
 and for advantage taken of another's weakness,

People:  
**forgive us, O God.**


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Leader:  
 For our faulty following of the Master;  
 our slow faith in his power to save,  
 our timid, hesitant answers to his call of service,  
 our insensibility to the meaning of the cross;  
 for all that mars our discipleship and makes it  
 difficult for others to believe in him,

People:  
**forgive us, O God.**


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Leader:  
 May God, who is almighty and merciful  
 forgive our sins,  
 empower us to overcome temptation,  
 and enable us to love as Jesus loved.

People:  
**AMEN**


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## Returning our Tithes and Offerings


Romans 8:1-2  
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## Offertory

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## From the Apostles

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

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



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Be still, my soul

words by Kathrina von Schlegel, 1752  
translated into English by Jane Borthwick, 1855  
music by Jean Sibelius, 1899  
tune commonly called "Finlandia"



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1.

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change, He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways  
leads to a joyful end.



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2.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future, as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them  
while He dwelt below.



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3.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord.  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed  
we shall meet at last.



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Prayer

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# From the Gospels

Mark 6:1-13

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today's message:

*“You are  
 the equipment”*



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# God of grace and God of glory

Hymnal #366  
 words by Harry E. Fosdick, 1932  
 music by John Hughes, 1905



And Jesus sent them out in pairs

1.  
 God of grace and God of glory,  
 on thy people pour thy power.  
 Crown thine ancient church's story,  
 bring her bud to glorious flower.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 for the facing of this hour,  
 for the facing of this hour.



And Jesus sent them out in pairs

2.  
 Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
 scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
 From the fears that long have bound us,  
 free our hearts to faith and praise.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 for the living of these days,  
 for the living of these days.




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3.  
 Cure thy children's warring madness;  
 bend our pride to thy control.  
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
 rich in things and poor in soul.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
 lest we miss  
 thy kingdom's goal.



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4.  
Save us from weak resignation  
o the evils we deplore.  
Let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.



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# Benediction

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# Postlude



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