

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 57:7, 9-11*

*My heart is steadfast, O God,
my heart is steadfast!*

I will sing and make melody!

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

*For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let your glory be over all the earth!

* **Opening Prayer**

* ***Be Exalted, O God***

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the people.

I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.

For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens;

And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;

Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

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* ***We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer*** #334:1,2 (HFG)

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;

We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee,

We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we bless Thee

Thru life's storm and tempest, our guide hast Thou been;

When perils o'er take us, Thou wilt not forsake us,

And with Thy help, O Lord, life's battles we win.

* ***The Wonder of It All*** #13:1,2 (HFG)

There's a wonder of sunset at evening,

The wonder as sunrise I see;

But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul

Is the wonder that God loves me.

Refrain: O, the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all!

Just to think that God loves me.

O the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all!

Just to think that God loves me.

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There's a wonder of springtime and harvest,

The sky, the stars, the sun;

But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul

Is a wonder that's only begun.

Refrain: O, the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all!

Just to think that God loves me.

O the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all!

Just to think that God loves me.

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 128

What does your conclusion to this prayer mean?

"For yours is the kingdom

and the power

and the glory forever" means,

We have made all these requests of you

because, as our all-powerful king,

you not only want to,

but are able to give us all that is good;

and because your holy name,

and not we ourselves,

should receive all the praise, forever.

* ***We Sing the Greatness of Our God*** #338:1,2 (HFG)

We sing the greatness of our God

That made the mountains rise,

That spread the flowing seas abroad

And built the lofty skies,

We sing the wisdom that ordained

The sun to rule the day;

The moon shines full at His command,

And all the stars obey.

We sing the goodness of the Lord

That filled the earth with food;

He formed the creatures with His word

And then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed

Where'er we turn our eyes:

In every season of the year,

And through the changing skies.

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Evening Prayer

* **Scripture:** *II Peter 2:4-10* (ESV) pg. 1276

⁴For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; ⁵if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; ⁶if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; ⁷and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked ⁸(for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); ⁹then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, ¹⁰and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Portraits of Failings*

Prayer

* ***That Man Is Blest***

(Tune of *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*)

That man is blest who, fearing God,

From sin restrains his feet,

Who will not stand with wicked men,

Who shuns the scorner's seat.

That man is nourished like a tree

Set by the river's side;

Its leaf is green, its fruit is sure,

And thus his works abide.

The Lord will guard the righteous well,

Their way to Him is known;

The way of sinners, far from God,

Shall surely be o'erthrown.

* **God's Blessing**

*** God, the Father of Your People**

#322:1,2 (PH)

Portraits of Failings

II Peter 2:4-10

God, the Father of your people,
You have called us to be one;
Grant us grace to walk together
In the joy of Christ, your Son.
Challenged by your Word and Spirit,
Blest with gifts from heaven above,
As one body we will serve you
And bear witness to your love.

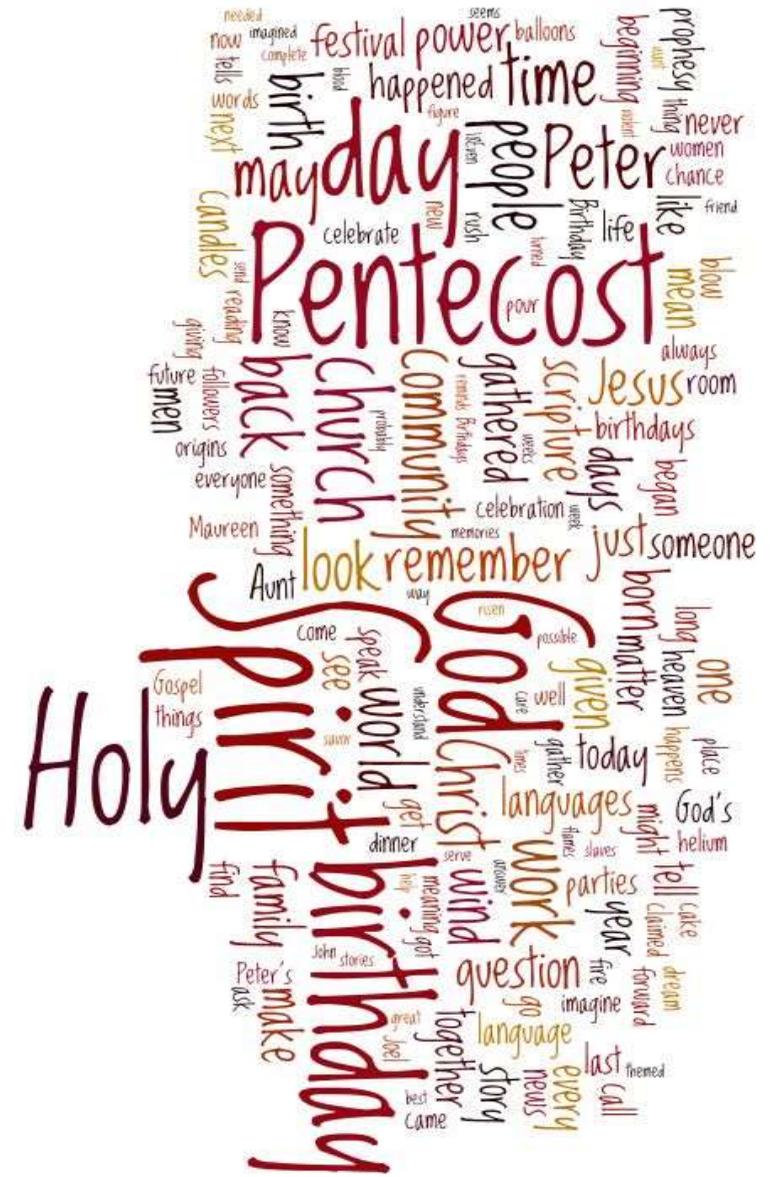
May the grace of Christ, our Savior.
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.
May we now remain in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys that earth cannot afford.

Angels, 4.

The Flood and Noah, 5.

Sodom and Gomorrah, and Lot, 6-8.

Application, the godly and ungodly, 9-10a.



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