

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 22:22-23*
I will declare your name to my people;
in the assembly I will praise you.
You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

* **Opening Prayer**

* **Amid the Thronging Worshipers** #239:1,2,3 (PH)

Amid the thronging worshipers
The Lord, our God, I bless;
Before His people gathered here
His name will I confess.
Come, praise him, all who fear the Lord,
The children of His grace;
With reverence sound His glories forth
And bow before His face.

The burden of the sorrowful
The Lord will not despise;
He has not turned from those who mourn,
He listens to their cries.
His goodness makes me join the throng
Where saints His praise proclaim,
And there will I fulfill my vows
With those who fear His name.

He feeds with good the humble soul
And satisfies the meek,
And they shall live and praise the Lord
Who for His mercy seek.
The ends of all the earth will hear,
The nations seek the Lord;
They worship Him, the King of kings,
In earth and heaven adored.

* **Come, All You People, Praise Our God** #242:1,2,3 (PH)

Come, all you people, praise our God
And tell his glorious works abroad,
Who holds our souls in life;
He never lets our feet be moved
And, though our faith he often proved,
Upholds us in the strife.

We come with offerings to his house,
And here we pay the solemn vows
We uttered in distress;
To him our all we dedicate,
To him we wholly consecrate
The lives his mercies bless.

Come, listen, all who fear the Lord,
While I with grateful heart record
What God has done for me;
I cried to him in deep distress,
And now his wondrous grace I bless,
For he has set me free.

* **Grace Greater than Our Sin** #105:1,2 (HFG)

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.

Refrain: Grace, grace God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

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. *Refrain*

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**We rejoice in the goodness of God,
renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.
As covenant partners,
called to faithful obedience,
and set free for joyful praise,
we offer our hearts and lives
to do God's work in his world.
With tempered impatience,
eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.
And we are confident
that the light which shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.
Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.**

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Evening Prayer

* **Your Word Sheds Light Upon My Path**

Your word sheds light upon my path;
A shining light, it guides my feet.
Your righteous judgments to observe,
My solemn vow I now repeat.

When danger brings me close to death,
Your law stays with me night and day.
The wicked lay a snare for me,
Yet from your truth I will not stray.

* **Scripture:** *II Peter 3:13-18 (ESV)* pg. 1277

¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. ¹⁵ And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, ¹⁶ as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Things Hard to Understand*

Prayer

*** Lead Me, Guide Me**

#544:1,2 (PH)

Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with You,
Lead me my whole life through.

I am weak and I need your strength and power
To endure with grace my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

Help me walk in the paths of righteousness;
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am trusting You whatever may be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

*** God's Blessing**

*** My Friends, May You Grow in Grace**

My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever,
Now and forever, amen.
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Now and forever, amen.

Things Hard to Understand

II Peter 3:13-18

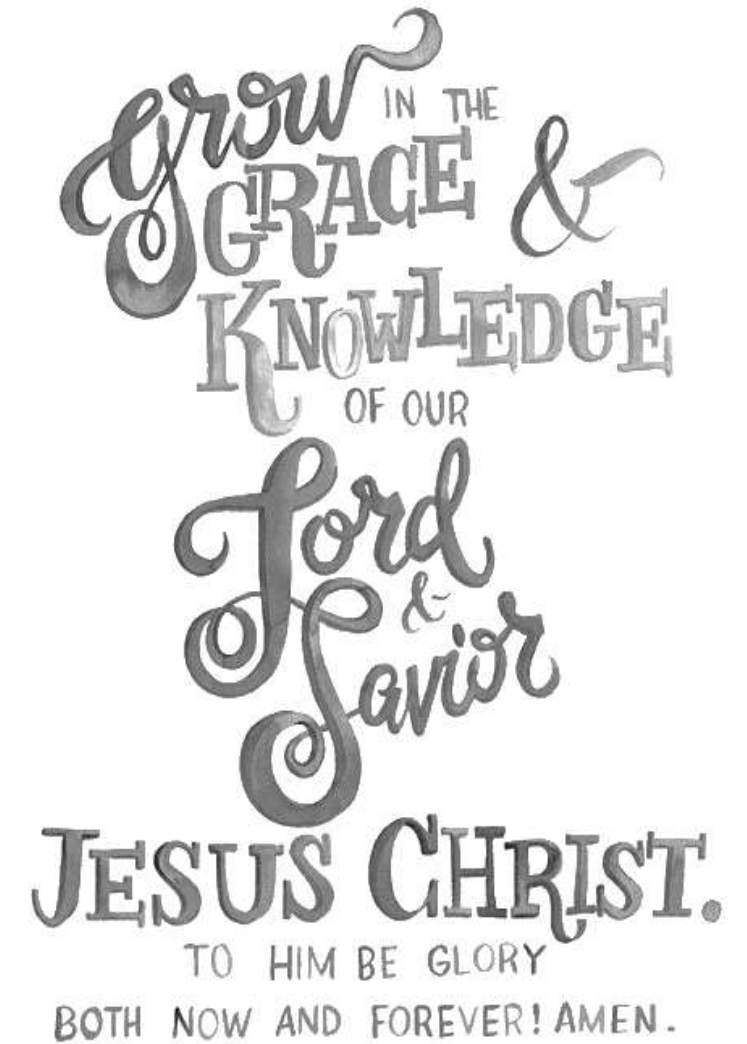
What to do while you are waiting.

Our beloved brother.

Things hard to understand.

The other Scriptures.

2 PETER 3:18



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