

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 89:1-4 (NRSV)*  
*I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;*  
**with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

*I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;*  
**your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

*You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:*

*"I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations."*

**Praise the Lord!**

### \* **Opening Prayer**

\* **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** #98:1,3 (HFG)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:* Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

### King's Men of Song

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### Evening Prayer

\* **Open My Eyes, That I May See** #486:1,2 (HFG)

Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth You have for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unlock and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for You, ready, my God, Your will to do;  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
Voices of truth so sharp and clear;  
And while the message sounds in my ear,  
Everything else will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for You, ready, my God, Your will to do;  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

\* **Scripture:** *John 3:1-21 (NIV)* pg. 1111

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

<sup>3</sup> In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

<sup>4</sup> "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

<sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

<sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup> "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?"

<sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. <sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *You Must Be Born Again*

### Prayer

\* **As Moses Raised the Serpent Up** #219:1,2,3 (PH)

As Moses raised the serpent up,  
So must God's Son be lifted high.  
That whosoever will believe in Him,  
May live eternally.

For God so loved the world He made,  
He gave His own beloved Son.  
All who believe in Him will live, not die,  
But live forevermore.

God did not send Christ to the world,  
That He might then condemn us all.  
But that the world by Christ's own death,  
Might then be ransomed from the fall.

### King's Men of Song

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **We Receive Your Blessing**

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,  
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.  
May the peace that You give change the way that we live.  
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.  
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

**You Must Be Born Again**

John 3:1-21

"I tell you the truth,  
no one can see  
the kingdom of God  
unless he is  
born again."  
John 3:3



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