

* **Call to Worship:**

Give the king your justice, O God,
**that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice.**

In his time will righteousness flourish; there shall be
abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**He shall rule from sea to sea,
and from the river to the ends of the earth.**

Come, let us worship God.

* **Opening Prayer**

* **Angels, From the Realms of Glory** #190:1,3,4 (HFG)

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship.
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Wisemen, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen his natal star: *Refrain*

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear. *Refrain*

* **The First Noel** #179:1,2,6 (HFG)

The first noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

* **Redeeming Love**

#199:1,2 (HFG)

From God's heaven to a manger,
From great riches to the poor,
Came the holy Son of God, a little Child;
From the azure halls of heaven
To a lowly manger stall,
Jesus came, and here He gave His life for all.

Refrain: Redeeming love, a love that knows no limit;
Redeeming love, a love that never dies;
My soul shall sing throughout the endless ages
The adoration of this great love on high.

From a loving heavenly Father,
To a world that knew Him not,
Came a man of sorrows, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
In my wandering Jesus found me,
Touched my life with His great love,
And this Babe has grown to be my sovereign Lord. *Refrain*

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60-61

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

**Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments
and of never having kept any of them,
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless, without my deserving it at all,
out of sheer grace,
God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction,
righteousness,
and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.**

**All I need to do
is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.**

Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?

**It is not because of any value my faith has
that God is pleased with me.**

**Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness
make me right with God.**

**And I can receive this righteousness and make it mine
in no other way than by faith alone.**

Offering: Building the Future

Evening Prayer

* **Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts**

#451:1,2 (HFG)

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood,
Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,
To them that find Thee all in all.

* **Scripture:** Luke 7:36-50 (NIV) pg. 1081

³⁶Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, ³⁸and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said.

⁴¹"Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

⁴²Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. ⁴⁴Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

⁴⁵You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴⁹The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Our Love for Jesus Depends Upon
Our Perceived Need for Him*

* ***My Jesus, I Love Thee***

#557 (PH)

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

* **God's Blessing**

* ***By the Sea of Crystal***

#620:3 (PH)

"Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,
And the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."
God has wrought salvation; He did wondrous things.
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

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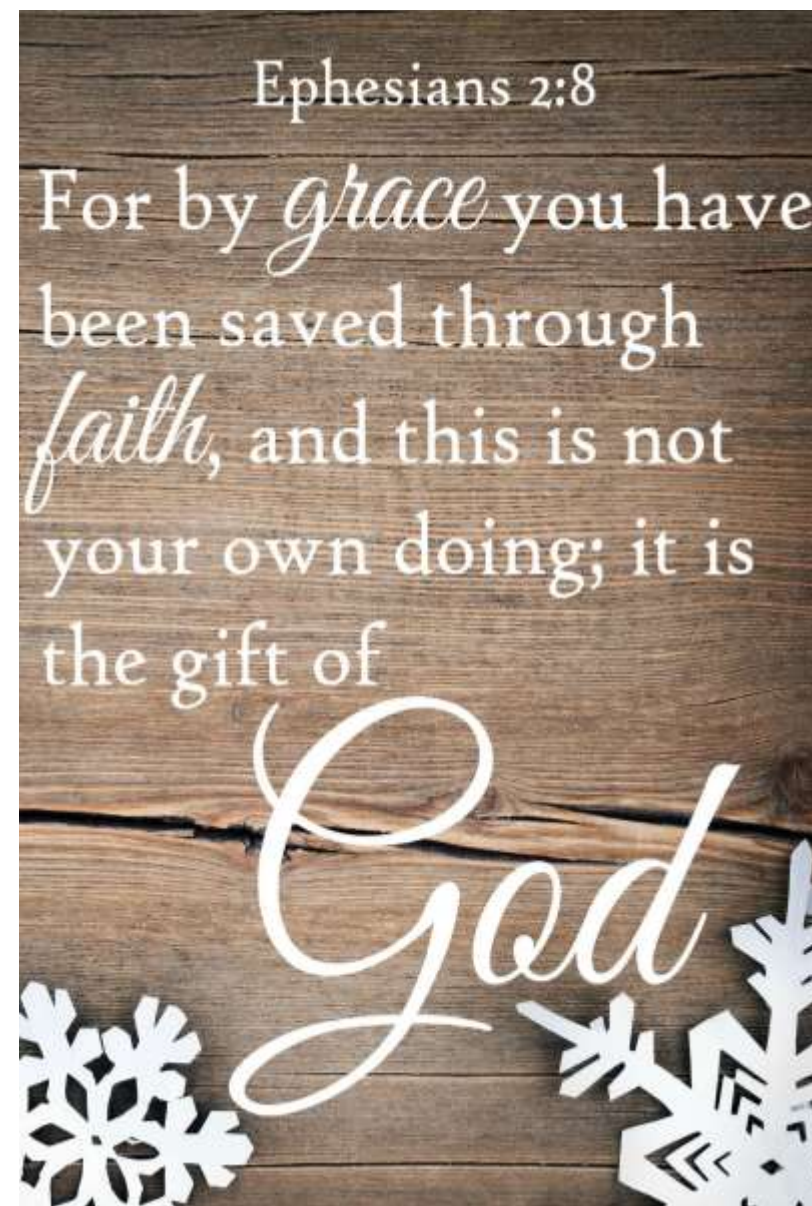
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