



## The Lord Gathers Us

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

All: **The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.**

Leader: The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him.

Psalm 145:3, 4, 8, 9, 14, 17-19a (ESV)

### *\* Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart O take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

### *\*Cornerstone*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus's blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name  
When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

*Chorus:* Christ alone  
Cornerstone

Weak made strong  
In the Savior's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord  
Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne

*Chorus: (two times)*

## *Prayer of Confession*

**Heavenly Father You have sent us into the world, equipped and strengthened by your Spirit, to proclaim the gospel, to care for the oppressed, to do good, and to be Your agents of healing in a broken world. We**

confess, however, that we have often been ashamed to speak Your life-giving word to those around us. We confess that we have been reluctant to spend and be spent on behalf of the marginalized and have too often lived lives of self-indulgence. We confess we have been quick to seek comfort for ourselves instead of bringing relief to a world in pain. In all these ways we have grieved Your Spirit. Lord, forgive us and pour out Your grace so that we can walk in the beauty of your ways and bring honor to Your name. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 103:8, 10-12 (ESV)

*"The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."*

### \*Nothing But The Blood

What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
*Chorus:* O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my cleansing this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
*Chorus*

Nothing can for sin atone

Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
*Chorus*

This is all my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
*Chorus*

Glory! Glory! This I sing  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
All my praise for this I bring  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
*Chorus*

**Sermon:** "Hounds of Heaven" | Matthew 18:12-14

### \*Abide With Me

Abide with me  
Fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens  
Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail  
And comforts flee  
Help of the helpless  
O abide with me

Swift to its close  
Ebbs out life's little day  
Earth's joys grow dim  
Its glories pass away  
Change and decay  
In all around I see

O thou who changest not  
Abide with me  
I need thy presence  
Ev'ry passing hour  
What but thy grace  
Can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself  
My guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine  
O abide with me

I fear no foe  
With thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight  
And tears no bitterness

Where is death's sting?  
Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still  
If thou abide with me

Hold thou thy cross  
Before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom  
And point me to the skies  
Heav'n's morning breaks  
And earth's vain shadows flee  
In life, in death, O Lord  
Abide with me