



Worship · Witness · Walk in Love

We long to see the grace of God magnified as he transforms us into a community that worships, witnesses, and walks in love.

Ordinary Time

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WELCOME AND INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 67:1-2

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"

Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!

author Christian H. Bateman, 1843 • tune MADRID (Spanish)

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD'S DAY 32

Q86. We have been delivered from our misery by God's grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: why then must we still do good?

A. To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood. But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all he has done for us, and so that he may be praised through us. And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Rom. 6:13; 12:1-2; 1 Pet. 2:5-10; Matt. 5:16; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Matt. 7:17-18; Gal. 5:22-24; 2 Pet. 1:10-11; Matt. 5:14-16; Rom. 14:17-19; 1 Pet. 2:12; 3:1-2

Q87. Can those be saved who do not turn to God from their ungrateful and impenitent ways?

A. By no means. Scripture tells us that no unchaste person, no idolater, adulterer, thief, no covetous person, no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like is going to inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:1-20; 1 John 3:14

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;

And there is nothing good in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent;

According to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name.

Amen

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT - Joel 2:12-13

"Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments.

Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

JESUS WHISPERS

Lamb of God, we fall before thee,
Humbly trusting in thy cross;
That alone be all our glory;
All things else are vain and loss.

When we live on Jesus' merit,
Then we worship God aright,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Then we savingly unite.

Thee we own a perfect Savior,
Only source of all that's good:
Every grace and every favor
Comes to us through Jesus' blood.

Jesus whispers this sweet sentence:
"Son, thy sins are all forgiven."
Faith he gives us to believe
Hearing ears and seeing eyes.

Hear the whole conclusion of it;
Great or good, whate'er we call
God, or King, or Priest, or Prophet,
Jesus Christ is all in all.

Jesus whispers this sweet sentence:
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SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 1 and 2 (ESV)

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel
of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
² but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the
judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the
righteous;
⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed,
saying,

³ "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."
⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
⁶ "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy
hill."
⁷ I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me,
"You are my Son; today I have begotten you."
⁸ Ask of me,
and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's
vessel."
¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry,
and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath,
Can reach that healthful shore,
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

(chorus)

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day
There God, the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blest,
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in his bosom rest.

I am bound... I am bound...

I am bound for the promised land.

(chorus)

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I am bound for the promised land.

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BENEDICTION - Numbers 6:24-26, 1 John 3:1a

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
How great is the love that the Father has lavished on us that we should be called his children.
And that is what we are!

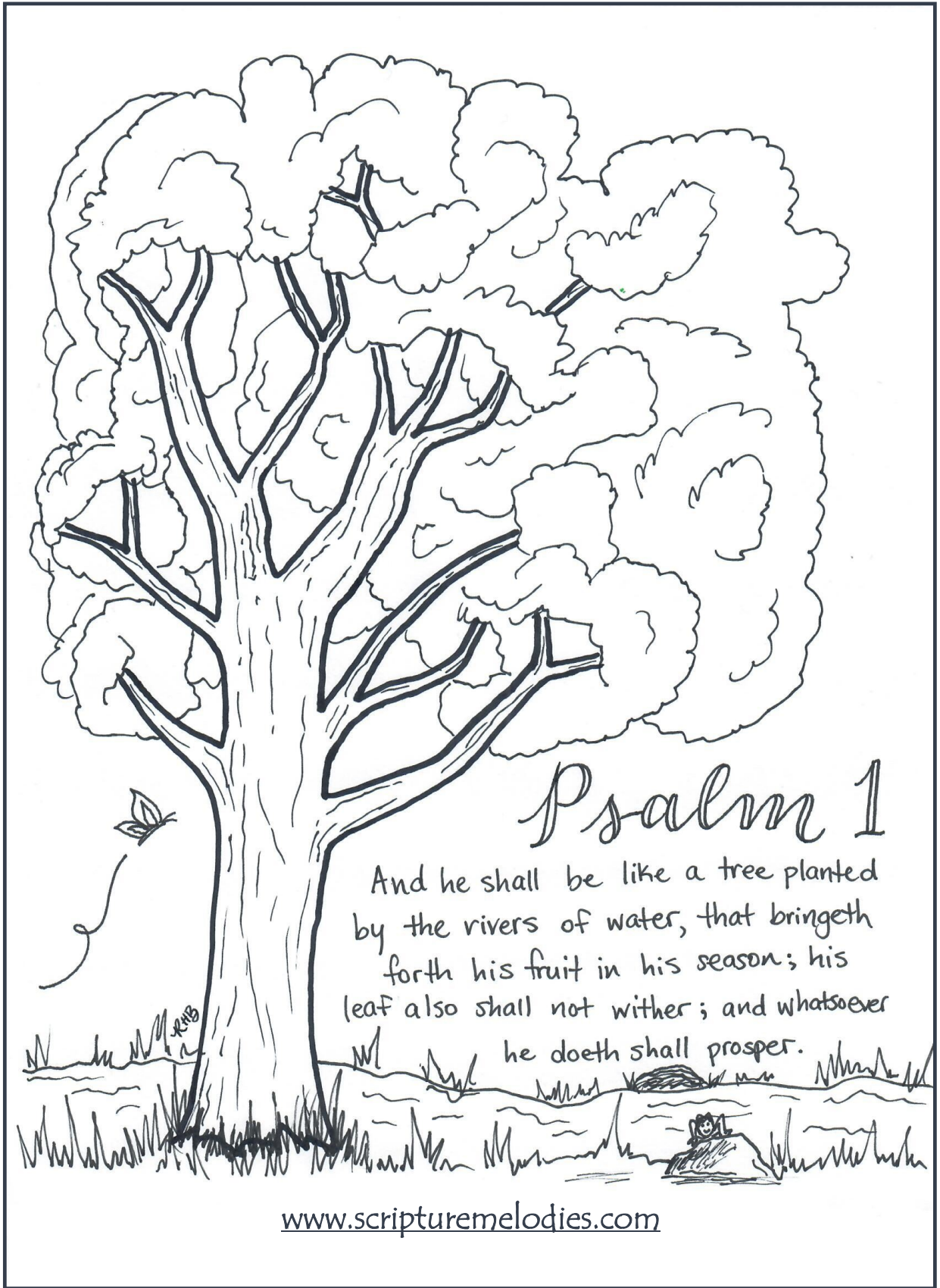
A PARTING BLESSING: MAY OUR GOD BE KNOWN

May our God be known for his grace;
may the earth rejoice in his blessing.
May our God be known for his love,
and the smile that shines from His face.
May Your way be known on the earth
so that all the nations will sing
and rejoice in knowing the God of grace!

Let the nations sing and be glad
for the Lord is coming with justice.
Let the nations sing and be glad
for our God is coming with peace.
* Now let all the ends of the earth
fill with holy wonder and joy,
for our God is coming to reign as king!

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Psalm 1

And he shall be like a tree planted
by the rivers of water, that bringeth
forth his fruit in his season; his
leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever
he doeth shall prosper.