

Be Ready

“THEREFORE KEEP WATCH,
BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW
THE DAY OR THE HOUR.”

Matthew 25:1-13



**The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2020
10:30 a.m.**

Living Praise

As We Gather

We cannot enter the eternal marriage feast on our own, for we are all unprepared. But Christ has prepared us, filling us with His Word and Sacraments; our lamps of faith are full, with wicks trimmed. Jesus is with us now, even as we shall see Him at His physical return. We shall enter with Him and all those who have preceded us in faith. The sacrifices the Lord was refusing to receive from Israel in Amos's day have all been superseded by the all-atoning sacrifice of our Savior. We already have a foretaste of the feast to come; the door is open, and Christ has made us ready.

Better Is One Day

by Matt Redman

**How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings**

Chorus

**Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)**

**One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells
(REPEAT) Chorus**

Bridge

**My heart and flesh cry out For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You**

Bridge 2

**Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere Chorus**

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Sentences

Psalm 84:3, 1, 10-12

Pastor: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,

People: at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Pastor: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

People: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Pastor: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

People: than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Pastor: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

People: No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!

Raise A Hallelujah by Jonathan Helser, Melissa Helser, Molly Skaggs, Jake Stevens

**I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me**

Chorus

**I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated the King is alive**

**I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me** Chorus

Bridge

**Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me (Repeat)**

Chorus

**I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated the King is alive (Repeat)**

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Merciful Father, we bring before You our confession, imploring Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We are sinful from birth and daily add to that burden. Our actions have been thoughtless and have resulted in evil. Our words have been hurtful, and we have not always honored Your name in our speaking. We have left undone many things that could have brought glory and praise to You. O Lord, grant us Your grace and the blessing of forgiveness. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to amend our sinful lives, that we may grow daily in righteousness and lead a life pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

At the Cross by Randy Butler and Terry Butler

**I know a place, a wonderful place
Where accused and condemned find mercy and grace.
Where the wrongs we have done and the wrongs done to us
Were nailed there with Him there on the cross.**

**At the cross (at the cross) He died for our sin.
At the cross (at the cross) He gave us life again.**

Old Testament

Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
²¹I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain
offerings, I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven ¹will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy

for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Nicene Creed

Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)

by Chris Tomlin, Jess Cates, Jason Ingram

**All of creation, all of the earth
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord;
Jesus is coming soon.**

**Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame;
Jesus is coming soon.**

**Chorus:
Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.**

**There will be justice, all will be new.
Your name forever, faithful and true;
Jesus is coming soon. Chorus**

**So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait; You're coming soon.
So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait; You're coming soon.**

Chorus

One And Only by Rend Collective

**Who spoke and told the sun to rise
Whose lips proclaimed the birth of light
Who sparked the kindling of the stars
And set the fire in our hearts**

**Who sang as planets learned their dance
Who poured the oceans from His hands
Whose breath awakened life and dust
And leaves me breathless at His touch**

**Chorus
(My) Jesus one and only
Great and holy we are Yours
How our hearts race at Your glory
Lord Almighty we are Yours (and Yours alone)
(My Savior)**

**Who is this man upon a cross
Who left His throne to ransom us
Who died to save us at our worst
And rose to give us heaven's best
You rose to give us heaven's best**

**Yeah we will watch the Bridegroom come
And heaven breaking like the dawn
All dressed in white all shame is gone
We're free to dance before the throne**

Welcome of New Members

*Rudy Croon
Josh Davis
Mark and Becky Ehret, Miles and Luke
Carl and Katie Florczyk, Anna and Elyse
Darren Genzen
Don and Joyce Hipp
Trey and Alaina Johnson, Quade, James, and Alexander
Deanna (DeeDee) Jung
George and Mary Ellen Martinez
Kathy Teeter
Craig and Rose Veile
Mark and Carol von Soosten
Kyle and Hannah Wilson
James Zimmerman*

We Lift Our Hearts in Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution

Cornerstone by Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Rueben Morgan, William Batchelder Bradbury

**My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name. (repeat)**

Chorus:
Christ alone. Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil. Chorus

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)

He Will Hold Me Fast by Ada Habershon and Matthew Merker

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus
He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast Chorus

**For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last Chorus**

The Blessing

We Are Yours

sung by I Am They

**You placed eternity in our hearts,
we were Yours from the very start.
All we've known has been torn apart,
and now we have forever.**

**You gave a song for our souls to sing,
and Your life was the offering.
Even death, it has lost its sting.
Now we have forever.**

Chorus:

**And you can't take away what the world didn't give.
We were made for more, we were made for more.
At the end of the day, this will remain:
Forever we are Yours, forever we are Yours.**

**You made a place at Your table, God;
paid the way for the poor and lost.
Called us into Your open arms
and now we have forever.**

Chorus (two times)

Bridge:

**No one, no one can take Your place.
No life, no death can separate.
Your love, Your love has conquered the grave,
You conquered the grave.**

Chorus

Worship Leaders:	Pastor Brian E. Downs, Proclaiming Pastor Pastor Chris A. Spelbring, Presiding Pastor
Elder on Duty:	Eric Batchelder
Children's Message(on-line):	Ananda Baron, Principal
Communion Assistants:	Mike Seibel, Randy Geiser
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