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Creator & Father Devotional

*O Lord, how many are Your works!
In wisdom You have made them all;
The earth is full of Your possessions. (Psalm 104:24, NASB)*

*You open Your hand
And satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Psalm 145:16, NASB)*

When I look around at the wonders of nature,
it reminds me that God is
 wise and
 strong and
 very much alive.
He loves us in so many marvelous ways.

But when I remember I am part of His creation,
 I feel even closer to Him.
The life that He has given me is
 His life.
Every breath I breathe is
 His breath.
According to Psalm 139,
 He knit me together
 while I was still in my mother's womb, and
 He patterned me after Himself.

The taste of food,
a beautiful scene,
even a conversation with a friend
 tell me that He knows all our needs.
I read the creation story, and
 it's obvious that
 God devoted Himself to providing for us.

Just think about it:
 we spend every moment of our existence,
 birth to death,
 wrapped in His presence and
 surrounded by His care.

But He is more than just
 our Creator.

He also calls Himself
our Father.
We belong to Him in a way that
only a parent can understand.
We are in His heart, and
His love never lets us go.

Father, You are
with me and
in me and
all around me.
I can't believe that
You devoted Yourself to
me.
How can I respond to You?

Hymn recording: [Surrounded by Your Greatness](#)

Surrounded by Your Greatness

Psalms 104:24-31a

♩ = 100

A⁷ D A⁷_{sus} D E^{m9} E^{m7} B^m D A C[#] G^{add9} B A⁷ G D A⁷ E

I breathe, and I thank You. I see, and I praise You. Sur -

D F[#] D A G G^{add9} B G B D^{add9} A D A G M⁷ G A G

round - ed by Your great - ness, O my Fa - ther, I trust in

D^{add9} F[#] D F[#] G^{add9} G A A⁷_{sus} 1, 3 1st time: D.C. 2nd time: Fine 2 D

You. I wor - ship You. You.

D E^{m6} G G D F[#] A⁷_{sus} D A⁷ E A C[#] D

My ev - 'ry breath is giv - en by Your love, O God. My ver - y

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SURROUNDED BY GREATNESS
Irregular

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$\frac{A}{G}$ G D $\frac{A^7_{sus}}{D}$ D A^{sus} A D $\frac{Em^6}{G}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A^7_{sus}}{D}$ D

life is flow - ing from Your heart. Let ev - 'ry sense re - mind me of Your

$\frac{A^7}{E}$ $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D GM⁹ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G⁶ GM⁷ A^{sus} A D.C. al Fine

good - ness, Lord, And teach my heart the won - der of Your love.

Time

*Lord, You have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were born
Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting,
You are God.
You turn man back into dust
And say, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in Your sight
Are like yesterday when it passes by,
Or as a watch in the night.
You have swept them away like a flood,
they fall asleep;
In the morning they are like grass which sprouts anew.
In the morning it flourishes and sprouts anew;
Toward evening it fades and withers away.
(Psalm 90:1-6, NASB)*

When we consider the natural world, we begin to realize that **time hides from us many of the Creator's most spectacular miracles**. Some are too split-second for us to perceive; others are too gradual to appreciate.

For instance, on one hand, consider a single beat of a hummingbird's wing (up to 80 per second!). On the other hand, ponder the sculpting of the Grand Canyon.

Or think of the human body. Each simple function is a chain of inter-workings, incredibly complex, yet almost instantaneous. But just as marvelous is the transformation of a microscopic egg into an adult human being, capable of reason, imagination, love, work, and worship. (Growth seems to be God's favorite miracle. Up close, it's invisible. From a distance, it's breathtaking . . . too beautiful to rush.)

We are locked into the present, with narrow notions of fast and slow. We are caught in the blindness of time, space, and self. The Everlasting One blesses us, and we do not see Him coming or going. We fail to trace all the wonders of Him who is unhurried and unhindered by time, reigning in eternity. To the Overlord of all the ages, the Master of each moment, nothing is fast or slow. Time is not a barrier or a restraint, but a tool wielded by His wisdom.

How foolish, then, for us to pretend to be masters of our time. We frantically try to control what we cannot control. Rigid, rushed schedules are our attempts to bring productivity, consistency, and balance into our confusion and fatigue.

But the Lord reminded me years ago that **time anxiety is as foolish and unproductive as all other anxieties.** *“Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?”* (Matthew 6:27, NIV)

Anxiety blocks our free and open response to God’s moment-by-moment leadership. Worry produces only tension, selfishness, and insensitivity. It chokes out love, gentleness, and joy.

Turn to one of the Gospels in the Bible (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) and **read about Jesus. Notice that while He had so much to accomplish in so little time, He never rushed.** He was busy, but He never seemed tense or hurried.

That’s because He focused on only one priority: following His Father’s leadership step by step. Each moment was in His Father’s hands, so Jesus simply did as He was directed to do and worked as He was enabled to work.

Our Creator, our Father gives us the same privilege. We don’t need to juggle our priorities and obligations in our own wisdom. God wants us to lead and balance our lives by his wisdom.

He calls us to listen and respond to His leadership regarding time. We are to use our self-discipline there rather than toward our own arbitrary schedules. **As we do, He breathes natural balance and joy, a peace and productivity into each moment, of both labor and rest.** He slips accomplishments into our schedules that surprise and delight us.

He is personally with you always. He would be delighted to guide and provide for your time needs. This is just one more area in which He calls us into a closer, more constant fellowship with himself.

God’s gifts are practical. They are more satisfying than we have tasted or imagined. He invites us to discover them all.

***God is never in a hurry.
He is the master of time, not its slave.
Walk with Him in His peace.***

Hymn recording: [Lord of Time](#)

Lord of Time

Psalm 31:14-15; John 15:5; Ephesians 5:15-16

♩ = 88

Unison

C⁷ F $\frac{F}{C}$ F⁶ G^m $\frac{G^m}{D}$ G^{m7} A^m $\frac{A^m}{E}$ A^{m7} $\frac{F}{A}$ B^b $\frac{B^b}{F}$ C⁷ D^m $\frac{D^m}{A}$ D^m

1. I fight with time. I rush. I wait. I plan. I
 2. Great Lord of time, a - bove its flow, You give us
 3. In Christ we learn what time can be: A frame for
 4. The fruit - ful - ness that we pur - sue Flows not from

G^m $\frac{G^m}{D}$ G^{m7} $\frac{F}{A}$ F $\frac{G^m11}{D}$ C^{sus} C C¹³ D^m $\frac{D^m}{A}$ D^m A^m $\frac{A^m}{E}$ D^m

press. I stay up late. I try so hard to
 time to change, to grow, To learn to live the
 love un - rushed and free, The pure and per - fect
 what our plans can do But Lord, from liv - ing

A $\frac{A}{B}$ $\frac{A^7}{C\#}$ D^m $\frac{D^m}{C}$ $\frac{C^7}{B^b}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{E}{G}$ F G^m $\frac{G^m}{D}$ C^{7sus} F $\frac{F}{C}$ F

reg - u - late What on - ly You con - trol.
 love we owe To You, all - gra - cious God!
 har - mo - ny Of life im - mersed in You.
 all in You, The ev - er - fruit - ful Vine.

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PROSPECT 2

8.8.8.6.

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A Detail to Ponder

Here's an intriguing detail
I came across this morning
in Genesis 18:14.

God had sent three angels to tell Abraham that,
at long last,
Sarah would bear him a son within a year.
Sarah was listening at the tent door and
laughed at the news.
She couldn't believe that she would have such "pleasure,"
since both she and Abraham were past 90.
In v.14, God (apparently through the angel) answered her,
"Is there anything too difficult for the LORD?" (NASB; NIV, "too hard").

But another translation, and perhaps a more literal one, is
"Is there anything too wonderful for Yahweh?"

That translation makes my heart smile.
It brings to mind
a flood of marvelous blessings
the Lord has poured out over the years.
Truly, is there anything too wonderful for our God?

Hymn recording: [Come and See the Works of Our God](#)

Come and See the Works of Our God

Psalm 66

$\text{♩} = 80$

F C C⁶ B^b F B^b Gm⁹ Gm C⁷_{sus} C⁷

1. Come and see the works of our God! How awe - some is He!
2. Come and sing the love of the Lord! How faith - ful is He!

F C C⁶ B^b B^bM⁷ B^b⁶ F B^b Gm⁹ Gm

He has raised His al - might - y hand. The Lord is Lord in -
He will hold our lives in His heart Thro' all e - ter - ni -

C⁷_{sus} C⁷ C¹³ C⁷ F C⁷_{sus} F C⁷_{sus} F B^b D^m B^b C⁷ A^m C⁷ B^b

deed! Ev - 'ry moun - tain, ev - 'ry hill Hum - bly bows to His will. Thro' the
ty. For His great - ness, for his pow'r, For His care ev - 'ry hour, We give

A^m⁷ A⁷ C⁷ D^m D^{sus} D^m Gm Gm⁷ C⁷_{sus} C⁷ F C C⁶

fire and thro' the sea He has set His peo - ple free. Come and see the
glo - ry! We give praise! O the won - der of His ways! Come and sing the

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PSALM 66
8.5.8.6.7.6.7.6.8.5.

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B \flat $\frac{F}{A}$ Gm⁷ C⁷ C¹³ F

works of our God! How awe - some is He!
love of the Lord! How faith - ful is He!

Exodus 33:18 – 34:8

(NASB)

Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!"

And [God] said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion." 20 But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"

Then the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock; and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

Now the Lord said to Moses, "Cut out for yourself two stone tablets like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets which you shattered. So be ready by morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to Me on the top of the mountain. No man is to come up with you, nor let any man be seen anywhere on the mountain; even the flocks and the herds may not graze in front of that mountain."

So he cut out two stone tablets like the former ones, and Moses rose up early in the morning and went up to Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and he took two stone tablets in his hand. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood there with him as he called upon the name of the Lord.

Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations." Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship.

Seeing God's Glory

Exodus 33:18-19; 34:5-7; Psalm 16:11; 27:1; 118:14

Father,
I bow in Your presence.
I look up and cry
 with all my heart:

“The Lord!
The Lord!
The eternal, unchanging God,
compassionate,
gracious,
patient and
 forgiving,
overflowing with love and
 faithfulness!
You are my light and
 my salvation!
You are my strength and
 my song!
You, O glorious God,
 are my fullness of joy!”

Hymn: [The Glow of Your Goodness](#)

The Glow of Your Goodness

Exodus 33:18-19; 34:5-7; Psalm 16:11; 27:1; 118:1; John 15:11; 17:13

♩ = 92

Unison B \flat F \flat 7/C B \flat add9/D B \flat /D B \flat E \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat /D B \flat /F F \flat 7sus

I sing, O my God, in the glow of Your good - ness, My

B \flat B \flat 7sus B \flat /A Gm7 Gm B \flat /F E \flat B \flat /D E \flat M7 F \flat 7sus F B \flat B \flat 7sus/C B \flat /D

Fa - ther so faith - ful, so pa - tient, so kind! You love me with

B \flat /F F \flat /E \flat B \flat /D F F \flat 7sus F F \sharp 7° Gm Gm/F E \flat B \flat add9/D B \flat /D

all Your mag - ni - fi - cent Be - ing! You are my strength!

Cm7 B \flat /D F \flat /E \flat B \flat /F E \flat B \flat M7/D Cm7 F7 Cm7/F F7 E \flat /B \flat E \flat /F B \flat

You are my rest! You are my full - ness of joy!

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12.11.12.4.4.7.

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Psalm 46

(NASB)

God is our refuge and strength,
[A very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change
And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;
Though its waters roar and foam,
Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
The holy dwelling places of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered;
He raised His voice, the earth melted.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come, behold the works of the Lord,
Who has wrought desolations in the earth.
He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth;
He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;
He burns the chariots with fire.
"Cease striving and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."
The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Reflection on Psalm 46

Almighty,
unchallenged God
 sovereign,
 eternal,
 all-wise,
 all-loving,
we rest in You.

We are threatened by change.
 We feel helpless before it.
But You are unchanging.
Nothing can touch
 Your goodness or
 the absolute certainty of Your rich gifts.

Where You are is
 peace, and
 You are forever with Your people.
What You say becomes
 reality, and
 You always speak blessings for those who trust You.

O God, our Father,
 be exalted throughout all the earth!
We rest secure in
 Your perfect will.

*Father, help me to
trust in all You are
so that I may live in
the joy of all You are.*

Hymn recording: [Psalm 46](#)

Psalm 46

$\text{♩} = 84$ *Unison* D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{A}{C\#}$ A⁷ B^m A D $\frac{E\#7}{A\#}$

1. Al - might - y de - fend - er, so near in our need, Un -
 2. Though chang - es en - gulf us and trou - bles in - crease, In
 3. The pow - ers of heav - en a - wait Your com - mand, So

B^m E^{m7} A^{sus} A^m G A^{sus} G

chang - ing, un - chal - lenced, and sov - 'reign in - deed! The
 You there is per - fect, un - shak - a - ble peace. You
 fear and all wor - ry are hushed in Your hand. O

D C D C

might - i - est moun - tains may crum - ble and flee, But
 speak, and the o - ceans and plan - ets o - bey. You
 God, we ex - alt You and, trust - ing Your will, We

D $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{A}{C\#}$ A⁷ B^m A⁷ N.C.

God, You are great - er than all that can be.
 speak, and all his - t'ry will move as You say.
 rest as You whis - per, "My chil - dren, be still."

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EBB AND FLOW
 11.11.11.11.

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Do You Hear Him?

*I will listen to what God the Lord will say,
for He promises peace to His people.*

*When we suffer,
God speaks to us in the midst of our trouble.
He wants to draw us out of our distress
into deliverance,
into a spacious place that is wide open and free.
He wants to lead us to a banquet table
filled with all the best food.
(Psalm 85:5; Job 36:15-16; para.)*

Creation is God's song about Himself.

Are you listening?

He speaks in the thunder.

Do you tremble at His majesty?

He speaks in a small whisper.

Don't let your desires drown out His voice.

He speaks in the silence.

Are you resting in Him?

He speaks through pain and distress.

Do you still trust His tender love?

He speaks through a thousand daily pleasures,
calling you to find constant joy in Him.

Your Father is always speaking.

As you trust Him,
you will hear Him.

Hymn recording: [God Is Speaking](#)

God Is Speaking

TUNE: Are You Sleeping? (Frere Jacques)
Job 36:15-16; Psalm 85:8

♩ = 76

N.C.
Unison

1. God is speak - ing. God is speak - ing. Do you hear?
 2. God is speak - ing, Al - ways speak - ing. Do you hear,
 3. God is speak - ing, Al - ways speak - ing Us - ing needs,

Do you hear? Trust, and you will hear Him.
 Hear His heart? Trust, and you will hear Him.
 Us - ing joys, Speak - ing in His wis - dom,

Trust, and you will hear Him. He is love. He is love.
 If you want to hear Him. He is love, Al - ways love.
 Speak - ing in His mer - cy, Call - ing hearts, Chang - ing lives.

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ARE YOU SLEEPING?

4.4.3.3.6.6.3.3.

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Resting in You

*The lovingkindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear Him. (Psalm 103:17, NASB)*

*His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
And His kingdom endures from generation to generation.
“All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
But He does according to His will in the host of heaven
And among the inhabitants of earth;
And no one can ward off His hand
Or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’ (Daniel 4:34-35, NASB)*

*In [Christ] are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
(Colossians 2:3, NASB)*

Father, You are wisdom.
Your working is deeper,
 higher, and
 more far-reaching than I can imagine.

You are absolute power.
You do what pleases You.
No one challenges Your mighty arm.
Nothing stops Your purpose.

Father, You are love.
Nothing exhausts Your gentle compassion.
Nothing strains Your joyful self-giving.

So when You whisper, I will listen.
When You lead, I will follow wherever You go.
When Your will brings me
 delay or
 sorrow or
 sacrifice,
I will love You and
 trust You and
 rest in the rightness of all You do.

Hymn recording: [Good Gifts](#)

Good Gifts

Psalm 112; James 1:17

♩ = 84

1. You love me, You love me, Great God o - ver all. Your
 2. I groan in my dark - ness Though love is the light. I
 3. These pres - sures and pleas - ures Are here and then past. Your

gifts are un - bound - ed, My vi - sion, so small. O Fa - ther, my
 trem - ble and strug - gle. In You all is right. With com - fort and
 love is for - ev - er, Its treas - ures will last. No heart can im -

Fa - ther, All - lov - ing, all - wise, You give what I
 tri - al You build and You bless. With per - fect com -
 ag - ine What soon will be true: Our full - ness, our

need, Lord, So o - pen, o - pen my eyes.
 pas - sion You pour out all that is best.
 one - ness For - ev - er, Fa - ther, in You.

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WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

PSALM 112
 6.5.6.5.6.5.6.7.

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Mark 4:3-20

(NASB)

[Jesus said,] "Listen to this! Behold, the sower went out to sow; as he was sowing, some seed fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate it up.

Other seed fell on the rocky ground where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil. And after the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

Other seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.

Other seeds fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold." And He was saying, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

As soon as He was alone, His followers, along with the twelve, began asking Him about the parables. And He was saying to them, "To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but those who are outside get everything in parables, so that while seeing, they may see and not perceive, and while hearing, they may hear and not understand, otherwise they might return and be forgiven.

And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.

In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; and they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away.

And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

Grow Us in Christ

Some soil won't receive and nurture the seed of God's Word.
But the life in the seed is so powerful that
wherever it is sown,
it finds receptive soil and
produces abundant fruit.

So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11, NIV)

Read the book of Acts and watch the promise come true.
Struggles and problems come,
 but the Word keeps growing (Acts 6:1-7).
Persecution comes,
 but the Word keeps growing (Acts 12:20-24).
Opposition is strong and persistent,
 but the Word keeps growing (Acts 19:18-20).

God makes things grow, and He cannot be stopped.
And what is His task?
What is He doing?
He is growing a people (1 Peter 2:9-10).
He is growing
 a conquering Church (Matthew 16:18),
 a fruitful vine (John 15:1, 5),
 a living temple (Ephesians 2:19-22),
 a holy bride (Ephesians 5:25-27),
 the body of His glorious Son, Jesus (Ephesians 4:11-15).

Father, we want to be included in all You are growing.
Grow in us
 the grace of Christ,
 the knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 3:18),
 the faith of Christ (2 Thessalonians 1:3), and
 the love of Christ (Philippians 1:9).
Grow us more and more
 like Him,
 in Him, and
 unto Him.

Hymn recording: [See the Seed of Faith](#)

See the Seed of Faith

Ecclesiastes 11:6; Hosea 10:12; Matthew 13:31-32; 2 Corinthians 9:6

♩ = 84

1. See the seed of faith once plant - ed, Sown with tears and sac - ri - fice,
2. We are part of all He's grow - ing, Root - ed in long a - ges past,

Now a gar - den all a - round us, Rich with col - or,
Spread - ing out to fill the fu - ture, Bless - ing far be -

rich with life. See more blos - soms dai - ly o - pen,
yond our grasp. Dai - ly plant the seeds of kind - ness.

Spread - ing still the pre - cious seed, Bear - ing fruit for
Sow His mer - cy, reap His peace. Share in love's a -

WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn

AUSTRIAN HYMN
8.7.8.7.D.

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A \flat E \flat /
G B \flat /
D E \flat B \flat B \flat ¹³/
A \flat E \flat /
G A \flat E \flat /
B \flat G \flat B \flat 7 E \flat

ev - 'ry hun - ger, Fill - ing ev - 'ry hu - man need.
 bun - dant har - vest, Fill - ing all e - ter - ni - ty.

All You Made Me to Be

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the first and the last,
the beginning and the end."
(Revelation 22:13, NASB)*

Father, You are all-in-all,
all life,
all love,
all beauty,
all blessedness.

You are the boundless ocean of
a thousand magnificent blessings still
nameless and
undiscovered.

As I trust You with the simplicity of a child,
I am in You, and
You, the Great All-in-all, are in me.

Because You are in me,
I am far more than this corrupted, physical creature.
You are life, and
I am truly, eternally alive.
You are love, and
I begin to love as You love.
You are wonderful, and
already Your wonders peek out through me.

But because You are the Gardener,
forever growing magnificent wonders,
who I am becoming is infinitely more wonderful than who I am.
For I am in Christ, and
I am growing in Christ.
And *when He appears, I will be like Him,
because I will see Him just as He is.* (1 John 3:2, NASB, adapted)

When I am perfectly like
Your perfectly pleasing Son,
I will be perfectly pleasing to You,
my Creator,
my Redeemer,

my loving Father.
You will rejoice that
I am all You made me to be.

Hymn recording: [Now in Christ](#)

Now in Christ

TUNE: Down to the River, alt.

*Psalm 23:1; John 10:2-4, 14; Romans 8:14-17;
2 Corinthians 5:16-17; Ephesians 1:3-14; 2:10; 5:25-27; 6:10*

♩ = 112

N.C. G $\frac{G}{B}$ Em $\frac{Em}{D}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ CM7 $\frac{Gadd^9}{B}$ $\frac{G}{B}$

1. I'm not my past or the bod - y I wear, Not this face, no
2. The Lord Him - self is my Shep-herd and Guide. He is here, I'm

CM7 C⁶ C $\frac{C}{E}$ G $\frac{D^7}{F\#}$ $\frac{Am}{F\#}$ Em $\frac{G}{D}$ $\frac{Am}{C}$ C

mat - ter how fair, For I am new in Christ, A child of God, And now His
walk-ing be - side, En - joy - ing day by day All Je - sus is, All He pro -

D⁷ $\frac{Am^7}{D}$ D Am $\frac{Am}{D}$ $\frac{C}{D}$ G Em Em⁹ Em C $\frac{C}{G}$ G

heir, Free and at peace in Christ, Full in Christ, Rich in Christ,
vides. I am God's work in Christ, Blessed in Christ, Loved in Christ,

D D⁷ $\frac{C}{D}$ G CM7 $\frac{Am}{C}$ $\frac{C}{D}$ G

Pure and com - plete in Christ, Strong in the Spir - it we share!
Soon with the saints in Christ Ful - ly His beau - ti - ful Bride!

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MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

DOWN TO THE RIVER 2
Irregular

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We Are Complete in Christ

This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (John 17:3, NASB)

Father, You have gone to such lavish lengths
to help us know You.

This entire universe –
vast and majestic,
powerful and intricate –
speaks of You and
sings of You.

You made us part of this world so we could
hear its every whisper.

You speak of Yourself through Your Word.
Its stories, songs, prophecies, and poems show You
creating and giving,
working and teaching,
forgiving, loving, and even dying for us.

Your promises and pictures of Your coming Messiah
were particularly vivid and varied.
He was to be a full and final revelation of Yourself.
Yet when He came, even those steeped in Your Word were
surprised,
confused, and
even shocked
by Who He was and
Who You are.

You and Your amazing love overflow
every image,
every metaphor, and
every name we have for You.
Creator God, You are more than we can imagine You to be.

Yet we know this:
All You are is complete in Jesus Christ, and
we will be complete in Him.

Hymn recording: [Looking to Jesus](#)

Looking to Jesus

TUNE: All Through the Night (AR HYD Y NOS)

♩ = 92

F $\frac{E}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ G $\frac{G7}{B}$ C $\frac{E}{A}$ B \flat G \flat C7 F

1. Liv - ing Christ, may we Your peo - ple Find joy in You;
 2. Joy is ours in ev - 'ry mo - ment Look - ing to You.
 3. Lord of love and light and beau - ty, Praise be to You!

F $\frac{E}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ G $\frac{G7}{B}$ C $\frac{E}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{A}$ G \flat C7 F

Day by day, in sun and shad - ow Find joy in You.
 Life is praise and deep con - tent - ment Look - ing to You.
 King of glo - ry, Son and Sav - ior, Praise be to You!

$\frac{B\flat}{D}$ $\frac{E}{C}$ $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ F B \flat $\frac{E}{A}$ $\frac{C7}{G}$ F $\frac{C7}{G}$ F C7 D \flat B \flat M7 $\frac{G\flat}{B\flat}$ $\frac{E}{C}$ C $\frac{C}{B\flat}$

Light and dark-ness, pain and pleas - ure Flow in ev - er - chang - ing meas - ure.
 Tho' our death is ev - er near - ing, Lord, we sing Your soon ap - pear - ing,
 Life in You is pur - est pleas - ure, God Him - self in full - est meas - ure!

$\frac{E}{A}$ B \flat $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ G $\frac{G7}{B}$ C $\frac{E}{A}$ B \flat G \flat C7 F

All who know life's great - est treas - ure Find joy in You.
 Pass - ing sor - rows per - se - ver - ing, Look - ing to You.
 Je - sus Christ, our joy, our treas - ure, Praise be to You!

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Traditional Welsh Melody; harm. by Luther Orlando Emerson

AR HYD Y NOS

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Scriptures on Feasting on Christ

(NASB)

Isaiah 55:1-2

Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters;
And you who have no money come, buy and eat.
Come, buy wine and milk
Without money and without cost.
Why do you spend money for what is not bread,
And your wages for what does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,
And delight yourself in abundance.

John 6:35, 54

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst."

"He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Feast on Jesus

God feeds His people –

lavishly,
abundantly.

We see it throughout the Bible and
throughout history.

As our Creator and Provider,

He gives us all the nourishment our bodies need.

Our original home was a garden,
rich with food.

He spread a banquet for His people
in the barren wilderness.

He fed the five thousand with more than they could eat,
all from a child's lunch.

He cares about our physical well-being...

but, O, so much more!

He is eager to feed our complete selves,

our bodies, minds, and spirits,

not just to satisfy us for a few hours, but forever.

What is the banquet the Father spreads for His people?

The banquet He spreads is Jesus.

All God's blessings flow to us through Him.

In Jesus He offers us all we could ever need:

His peace and joy,

His innocence before God,

His holy, unending life,

His sufficiency in every situation,

His beautiful, unbroken relationship with the Father.

Gather with God's people and feast on Jesus.

Come feast on His Word,

His wisdom,

His Spirit,

His body broken and His blood poured out.

The feast is spread.

Come...feast on Jesus.

Hymn recording: [Come and Feast](#)

Come and Feast

TUNE: Steal Away

Isaiah 55:1-2; Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-20;
John 6:27, 32-33, 35, 48-51; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

♩ = 72

Refrain

D D C# Bm Bm A Gadd9 D F# G A⁷_{sus} D D A

Come and feast! Come and feast! Come- the feast is Je - sus.

Fine 3rd time

D D C# Bm Bm⁷ Bm A^{sus} A^{sus} E A G A Bm Bm A G M⁷ A⁷ D

Life and love, ho - ly and free- Come near and feast on Je - sus.

Bm Bm A D A G D F# D D F#m Bm⁷ Bm Bm A

1. Share in His Spir - it- His pres - ence in His peo - ple. Find
2. Here in a - bun - dance: The Bread and Wine of Heav - en. His

G M⁷ G M⁹ D F# Em⁷ Em¹¹ Em⁷ Bm Bm F# Bm G D F# G M⁷ A⁷ D D.C.

all He is and all you can be. Find all you need in Je - sus.
truth, His joy, His pow - er, His peace- Find life com-plete in Je - sus.

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STEAL AWAY 2

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