

# **Magnificent Goodness**

**Readings, prayers, and hymns**

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# Magnificent Goodness



*The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. (Psalm 33:5, NASB)*

*Taste and see that the Lord is good. (Psalm 34:8)*

*They shall give thanks to the Lord for His mercy,*

*And for His wonders to the sons of mankind!*

*For He has satisfied the thirsty soul,*

*And He has filled the hungry soul with what is good. (Psalm 107:8-9, NASB)*



“Our trials teach us the  
falseness and  
emptiness of  
all that is not God.  
Nothing is real,  
nothing is good  
outside of Him.”

(paraphrased from Francois Fenelon)

## Go Beyond

Go beyond thinking of God  
as merely a means to an end,  
as a way to obtain more loving relationships or  
inner peace or  
even everlasting life.

He Himself is the end of all things.  
He is our greatest blessing,  
our glorious reward,  
our eternal destiny,  
the ocean of all goodness.

Love,  
inner peace, and  
everlasting life  
are merely partial descriptions of  
all that He is.

~

Everything I want,  
everything I need  
comes from You, Father,  
the Source of all.

I long for  
YOU!

I wait for  
YOU!

I hope in  
YOU!

~

Hymn recording: [The Upward Call](#)

# The Upward Call

*Philippians 3:7-14*

♩ = 88

N.C. N.C. Am  $\text{Cadd}^9 \text{G}$   $\text{C} \text{G}$   $\text{C} \text{CM}^7 \text{E} \text{E}$  F  $\text{E} \text{E}$  Dm7  $\text{Cadd}^9 \text{E} \text{E}$   $\text{C} \text{G}$  N.C.  $\text{G}^6 \text{B}$  Am7

1. My joy, my goal, my one de - sire, To know and  
2. My heart has heard His up - ward call. All else I

Dm7  $\text{Dm}^7 \text{Am} \text{E} \text{E}$  F G sus  $\text{G} \text{sus} \text{D}$  G G7 C  $\text{C} \text{B}$  Am  $\text{Cadd}^9 \text{G} \text{G}$   $\text{C} \text{CM}^7 \text{E} \text{E}$  F  $\text{E} \text{E}$  Dm7

trust leave You more, be - hind. My Fa - ther God, my strength, my  
One glimpse of all You are in

G Am7  $\text{G} \text{B}$  C  $\text{C} \text{E}$  FM7 G  $\text{G} \text{G} \text{sus} \text{D} \text{D}$  G7 C sus  $\text{C} \text{sus} \text{G}$  C  $\text{G} \text{B}$  Am  $\text{Am} \text{G}$

hope, My life, my love, my Lord! I set a -  
Christ, And life is re - de - fined. O Fa - ther

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F  $\frac{F}{E}$  Dm7 Em F G sus G  $\frac{G}{B}$  Am  $\frac{Am}{G}$  F F Em Dm7

side all less - er things And glad glo - ly all dis -  
 God, Your name, Your will, Your glo - rious King - dom

G sus  $\frac{G sus}{D}$  G7 G C CM7 Am  $\frac{C add^9}{G}$   $\frac{C}{G}$   $\frac{C CM7}{E E}$  F  $\frac{F}{E}$  Dm7

own come To share the joy of Je - sus with -  
 Till all a - round and all with -

G Am7  $\frac{G}{B}$  C  $\frac{C}{E}$  FM7 G  $\frac{G}{D}$   $\frac{G sus}{D}$  G7 C  $\frac{C}{G}$  C

Christ For love of You a - lone.  
 in Love's per - fect work is done.

## God of All

God of all reality...

God of all time and  
all eternity,  
of all that has been,  
all that is, and  
all that will be...

God of every wonder ever seen,  
every truth ever known,  
every mystery ever pondered,  
every good ever desired  
and so much that is beyond imagining...

You are the One who calls to me.  
You are the One who calls me to Yourself.  
You are the One who offers me  
full knowing and  
unbroken fellowship with You.

How can a creature like me respond to such an offer?  
All I can do is bow to You  
here and now,  
and simply say,  
"Here I am."

~

Father, Your realm is all reality.  
Your time is all eternity.  
Whenever and wherever I am,  
I am engulfed in You.

~

Hymn recording: [God of the Universe](#)



# God of the Universe

Isaiah 57:15-19

♩ = 68

God of the u - ni - verse, God of e - ter - ni - ty, God of glo - ry yet un -

seen, God of beau - ty, God of mys - ter - y, God of all that will be, In this

time and place, By Your time - less grace, With Your ho - li - ness in view, You who

give Your - self to me, Tho' un - wor - thy, I re - ceive and I wor - ship You.

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GOD OF THE UNIVERSE  
Irregular

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# God Introduces Himself

*Exodus 33:12 – 34:7*

God has given Moses a huge responsibility:  
to share in leading His people through a vast wilderness and  
forming them into a nation,  
indeed, into the people of God.

At a particularly stressful point in their journey,  
Moses feels the deep need  
to know God better and  
to be assured of His continuing presence.

So Moses prays:

*“Let me know Your ways that I may know You” and  
“Show me Your glory!”* (Exodus 33:13, 18, NASB)

God responds:

*“I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before you;... You cannot see My face, for mankind shall not 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.”* (Exodus 33:19-23, NASB)

God does as He promised, and  
as He does,  
He describes Himself in a few words.

So how does God summarize Himself?

*Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in faithfulness and truth; who keeps faithfulness for thousands, who forgives wrongdoing, violation of His Law, and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, inflicting the punishment of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.”* (Exodus 34:6-7, NASB)

What does God most want His people to understand about Him?

- He is the eternal God, the Source of all existence.
- He is unfailing love and  
absolute dependability.
- He freely, eagerly forgives sin,
- But He will never ignore sin.  
A loving Father cannot ignore

what threatens His children.  
Sin and all its fruits must be  
pursued and  
destroyed.

This is the God  
we fear and love and serve.

~

Father, when I begin to realize  
who You are,  
Your lavish gifts are not enough.  
I want to know You and  
please You and  
worship You.  
I want to love You and  
walk with You and  
trust You every moment.  
I want to live  
in You and  
for You and  
to You alone.

~

Hymn recording: [God Introduces Himself](#)

# God Introduces Himself

Exodus 3:13-15; 34:6-7

♩ = 58

Unison

Am Am G FM7 Am F6 F6/B E sus E E/D

1. The LORD, the LORD, e - ter - nal I AM, the  
2. The LORD, the LORD, com - pas - sion and grace, for -

Source of all be - ing, the Al - might - y God! un - fail - ing love. The  
bear - ance and pa - tience with

F E7 E7/G# Am Am/E Dm F Dm/A C Em7/B Am7 Em/G

LORD, the LORD, the Faith - ful and True, for - giv - ing and cleans - ing all you

Dm/F Dm E sus E F Dm7 E7 E7/G# Am Dm/F Dm7/A

are, all you do. But I will not ig - nore the sin that de - stroy - s those I

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DIVINE INTRODUCTION  
Irregular

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C  $\frac{E_m^7}{B}$  A m  $\frac{E_m}{G}$  D m<sup>9</sup>  $\frac{D m^9}{A}$  G sus G A m  $\frac{A m}{G}$  F m<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{A m}{E}$

formed,                      those I    love.                      The LORD,            the LORD,            e -

F<sup>6</sup>  $\frac{F^6}{B}$  E sus E  $\frac{E}{D}$   $\frac{F}{C}$  C F  $\frac{A m}{E}$  E<sup>7</sup> sus E m<sup>7</sup> F D m<sup>7</sup> A

ter-nal I AM, the Source of all be-ing, the Al - might-y God!

## God's Gentle Whisper

*1 Kings 18:20 – 19:18*

Elijah was fresh off his spectacular victory over the 450 prophets of Baal.  
Through him, God had proven again that  
    He is the one true God,  
    the one who answers by fire.

But when wicked Queen Jezebel heard what had happened,  
    she swore that she would kill Elijah, and  
    he ran for his life.

He fled into the wilderness,  
where God ministered to him with  
    food and  
    rest.

Then on the strength of that food,  
    Elijah traveled for forty days to Mt. Sinai,  
    “the mountain of God”.

Elijah was  
    weary,  
    discouraged, and  
    hungry to encounter God.

So God told him,  
    *“Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.”*  
    *And behold, the Lord was passing by!* (1 Kings 19:11, NASB)

Then came a mighty wind that  
tore the mountain and broke the rocks,  
    but God was not in the wind.  
Then an earthquake,  
    but God was not in the earthquake.  
Next, a fire,  
    but God was not in the fire.

Finally, Elijah heard  
    a gentle whisper.  
He immediately recognized  
    the presence of God.  
So he wrapped his face in his cloak and  
    stood in the entrance of his cave,  
    ready for the encounter he had long sought.

Sometimes God reveals Himself most

unmistakably and  
beautifully,  
not with overt displays of  
power and  
emotion,  
but with the gentle whisper of  
His intimate presence.

~

During our times of deepest need,  
when other sources of supply fail us,  
God allows us to experience  
Himself.

~

Hymn recording: [Just You](#)

# Just You

1 Kings 18:20 – 19:18

♩ = 88

D F#m E D A<sup>7</sup> D D C# G B Bm<sup>7</sup> G B G D D F# 1, 3 G G G

1. Wea - ry from bat - tle, Drained by the jour - ney, Cow - er - ing  
 2. Tired of the strug - gle, Hid - ing and hun - gry,  
 3. Not in the thun - der, Not in the earth - quake, Not in the  
 4. Fed by Your mer - cies, Your lit - tle grac - es,

D A D F# Bm<sup>7</sup> A sus A<sup>A sus</sup> E A 2, 4 G D F# D Bm<sup>7</sup> A<sup>A sus</sup> E<sup>7 sus</sup> A<sup>7</sup>

here in fear; Thirst - y to know You near,  
 rag - ing fire; Drawn by this one de - sire:

## Refrain

D F# Gadd<sup>9</sup> G D F# D A D F# G G B A C# Bm D F# G G B A C#

In my qui - et heart With a sim - ple faith, By Your gen - tle

Bm Bm Bm<sup>7</sup> A sus A<sup>A sus</sup> E A N.C. G G F# Em<sup>7</sup> G A D D A D

whis - per, Lord- Just You, Just You.

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GOD'S WHISPER  
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## Reflection on Psalm 92

Father, how good it is to  
praise You and  
thank You!

As I wake in the morning and  
face the new day,  
I bask in the light of  
Your unfailing love.

As I complete the day and  
look back,  
I smile in the glow of  
Your faithfulness,  
Your absolute, unwavering dependability.

As I reflect on all You have done  
in the wide world and  
in my own life,  
Father, how can I help but  
love You and  
thank You?

Your works and ways give me a glimpse into  
Your mind and  
Your thoughts.

How deep!  
How high!  
How can I help but trust You?  
How can I help but worship You?

Focused on You,  
I get a perspective  
high above my daily struggles.  
I see You working all things for good,  
far beyond my fearful, childish understanding.

Planted in You,  
growing in You,  
I am tree,  
immovable,  
always green,  
always fruitful.

Almighty God, I am deeply rooted  
in You.



You are  
unfailing love and  
absolute dependability, and  
as I praise You,  
trust You, and  
live in You,  
I share the healthful vitality of  
all You are!



Hymn recording: [Psalm 92](#)

# Psalm 92

♩ = 63

C C  $\frac{C \text{ sus}}{D}$   $\frac{C}{E}$   $\frac{C \text{ sus}}{G}$   $\frac{E}{G\#}$   $\frac{E7}{G\#}$  A m A sus

1. What joy, my Lord, to wor - ship You! Your  
 2. I love to think on all You are, Your  
 3. Your tho'ts, O God, so high, so deep, So  
 4. A - part from You, we blow a - way, But

$\frac{E m}{G}$  F G  $\frac{E}{G\#}$  A m D m7  $\frac{D \text{ sus}}{C}$   $\frac{D m}{C}$

praise is my de - light! Each morn - ing sings Your  
 might - y works, Your ways. Your Spir - it breathes Your  
 rich, so near and far! Your wis - dom pours from  
 life is ev - er new And love will bear un -

$\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{E m}{B}$  A m9 A m G7 A m A m7 F G7 C

end - less love, Your faith - ful - ness, each night.  
 Word with - in And fuels the fire of praise.  
 mer - cy's heart, For love is all You are.  
 fail - ing fruit When plant - ed here in You.

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## Reflection on Psalm 96

Creator,  
Savior,  
Sovereign King,  
our Father,  
may our songs be  
    forever fresh and  
    forever new,  
forever rising as  
    our living response to  
    Your living presence.  
Your love is new every morning.  
Keep the song in our hearts  
    fresh and new every day.

O Father, Your power and goodness are  
    universal.  
They bless every living being.  
So may all of us –  
    every nation,  
    every culture,  
    every individual –  
worship You.  
Only universal praise is fitting for  
    all You are.

And Almighty God, our songs are only the beginning.  
All of creation,  
    every corner of the world  
will soon explode with rejoicing.  
For You Yourself are coming to us!  
You are coming  
    to bring justice,  
    to bring all the beauty of holiness,  
    to make this earth Your eternal home.  
O Father, we are waiting for that day!  
Our rejoicing has already begun!

~

O my Father,

my Creator,  
help me to give You  
all the glory that is due You.  
Help me to see You and  
worship You  
in all the splendor of Your holiness.  
For creation itself will rejoice  
when You come to  
put everything right!

~

Hymn recording: [Psalm 96](#)

# Psalm 96

♩ = 112

N.C. *Unison* F C7  $\frac{B\flat}{C}$  C7 F C7  $\frac{B\flat}{C}$   $\frac{Gm}{C}$

1. O Fa - ther, we sing of Your splen - dor and great - ness, With  
 2. Cre - a - tion de - clares You are pow - er and beau - ty, Mag -  
 3. Great Fa - ther of all, ev - 'ry peo - ple and per - son, All  
 4. The field and the for - est, the earth and the heav - ens Will

F  $\frac{F}{A}$  C7  $\frac{B\flat}{C}$  C7 F  $\frac{F}{A}$   $B\flat$  C sus C

songs ris - ing up from a joy ev - er new. Our  
 ni - fi - cence no one can cop - y or claim. No  
 na - tions, all fam - 'lies, each cul - ture and race Be -  
 sing hal - le - lu - jahs and dance with de - light, For

$B\flat$   $\frac{F}{A}$  C $\sharp$ 7 Dm  $\frac{F}{C}$   $\frac{C}{B\flat}$

ev - 'ry - day lives are a hymn of thanks - giv - ing. Our  
 ti - tle, no hon - or can speak all Your glo - ry, But  
 long in Your pres - ence, with praise o - ver - flow - ing, A -  
 God, You are com - ing in pow - er and jus - tice To

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Chord progression: F/A, Gm/Bb, Bb, Gm/Bb, F/C, Gm/C, F, F/C, F

won - der, our wor - ship, our sto - ry is You.  
al - might - y, un - fail - ing love is Your name.  
wash in Your ho - li - ness, jus - tice, and grace.  
make this Your home and put ev - 'ry - thing right.

## Reflection on Psalm 103

O my Father,  
    my God,  
Your love and  
    Your goodness  
resound through  
    every time and  
    every place.  
Your kindness and  
    patient compassion  
fill all history.

Father, Your love resounds in me.  
Your goodness has filled  
    every time and  
    every place in my life.  
You forgive,  
You heal,  
You buy me back from my sinful choices.  
You satisfy me completely  
    with all that is best.  
You renew me,  
    body,  
    mind, and  
    spirit.

Your compassionate love is  
    boundless,  
    persistent,  
    tough, and  
    tender.  
You kiss away all the guilt  
    I so richly deserve.  
You look at me,  
    not as an angry judge, but  
    as a proud father,  
patient and  
    forbearing,  
with untiring mercy.

Your love will long outlast  
    my few days on earth.



When this frail body returns to dust,  
    my life in You –  
    Your life in me –  
will have only just begun.

Praise to You, O my God!  
I bless You,  
I thank You,  
I love You,  
    my dear Father!

~

O Father,  
You always have been and  
    always will be  
    unfailing love,  
    good and right,  
    faithful and true.  
You are unfailing love to me, and  
    I praise and  
    bless and  
    worship You!

~

Hymn recording: [Psalm 103](#)

# Psalm 103

with Exodus 33:18 – 34:8

♩ = 88

Unison

C C/B A<sup>m</sup>B A<sup>m</sup> C/G F D<sup>m</sup>7 Cadd<sup>9</sup>E C/E F C/G

1. I love, I bless You, Fa - ther God, My breath, my  
 2. With Mos - es, Lord, I thirst for You, To know You  
 3. My Fa - ther God, I soon will come And leave this

G<sup>13</sup> A G/B C sus C<sup>sus</sup>G C C/G C C C/B A<sup>m</sup>B A<sup>m</sup> C/G F D<sup>m</sup>7

joy, my song. I turn to You, my rest - ing  
 more and more, To see in You, the All - in -  
 death be - hind To breathe a life and love in

Cadd<sup>9</sup>E C/E F C/G G<sup>13</sup> A G/B C sus C<sup>sus</sup>G C C/G G/B

place, The home where I be - long. Your  
 all I fear and I a - dore. You  
 You Pro - found and un - con - fined, A

A<sup>m</sup> A<sup>m</sup>E F C/E D<sup>m</sup> D<sup>sus</sup>E F G sus G A<sup>m</sup> E<sup>m</sup> G<sup>9</sup>F G<sup>7</sup>F

bound - less, all - em - brac - ing love - Lord, what more  
 love me with a Fa - ther's heart, A crea - ture  
 joy these lips can - not ex - press, A heav - en

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MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

RESIGNATION 2

C.M.D.

Alternate Tune: ELLACOMBE

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C E FM7 G sus G<sup>sus</sup> D G N.C. C C B A<sup>m</sup> B A<sup>m</sup> C G

could You do? Set free from all I've  
 made from dust. You see my sin through  
 un - ex - plored. I rise with all who

F D<sup>m</sup>7 Cadd<sup>9</sup> C E F C G G<sup>13</sup> G<sup>13</sup> A G B C sus C<sup>sus</sup> G C

been and done, I long to live in You.  
 pa - tient eyes And help me sim - ply trust.  
 share Your life. I rise and bless you, Lord!

## Reflection on Psalm 150

Lord our God,  
how can we possibly respond to You for  
all You are –

almighty,  
all-wise,  
all-loving,  
holy,  
unsearchably great and  
eternally, thoroughly good?

How could we ever thank You for  
all You have done –

creating us,  
redeeming us,  
forgiving us,  
cleansing us,  
adopting us as Your own children,  
providing for us in absolutely every way,  
filling us with Yourself, and  
giving us an eternal future with You?

We cannot.

Our response to You will  
always be inadequate.

But with everything we are and  
everything we have,  
with every breath and  
together with all You have created,  
we can praise You,  
full-heart and  
full-voice,  
forever and ever.

Praise to You,  
PRAISE to You,  
PRAISE TO YOU,  
OUR GOD!

~

Father,  
consume my life with Your praise!  
Use all I have and  
all I am to  
glorify Yourself!

~

Hymn recording: [Psalm 150](#)

# Psalm 150

TUNE: All Creatures of Our God and King (LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

$\text{♩} = 64$  Unison

D D Bm  $\frac{G}{B}$  A sus A  $\frac{A}{G}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G

1. O God, mag - ni - fi - cent in might, Un -  
2. With ev - 'ry sound at our com - mand, With

$\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A}{E}$  D Bm  $\frac{G}{B}$  A sus A  $\frac{A}{G}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{DM7}{F\#}$  G D

bound-ed pow - er, ho - ly light, We ex - alt You!  
ev - 'ry gift in ev - 'ry hand, We ex - alt You!

Bm  $\frac{A}{C\#}$   $\frac{Bm7}{D}$  E A  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  Em7 D  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  Bm7  $\frac{GM7}{B}$   $\frac{G}{B}$

Hal - le - lu - jah! Your great - ness soars be - yond com -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! With all our joy, with all our

A sus A  $\frac{A}{G}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{Asus}{G}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A7}{E}$  D  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{D}{A}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A}{E}$  D  $\frac{A}{C\#}$

pare,  
art, A - bove all praise, a - bove all prayer.  
With all our breath, with all our heart,

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesange*, 1623; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
L.M. w. refrain lines

G B Bm A G 6 A G D F# Em7 D F# G 6 A 7 Bm A C# D 6 E A

We ex - alt You! Hal - le - lu - jah! We ex - alt You!  
 We ex - alt You! Hal - le - lu - jah! We ex - alt You!

Bm7 F#m C# D 6 Em7 A C# F#m D# Em G M7 F# G 6 A A 7 D

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

## Mercy

Almighty God, I don't need a major moral failure to experience Your mercy.  
I experience Your mercy every time you give me what I don't deserve.

You are an unbounded Being, complete in Yourself,  
the source of all life and all that is.  
My existence is a mercy.

You are infinite in excellence, perfect in power, wisdom, and love.  
You graciously gave me fellowship with You.  
I rejected You and chose myself: a speck of dust, a breath, utterly corrupt.  
I chose death, yet You continue to give me life.  
Every moment is a mercy.

I am insignificant. Living in Your presence, sharing existence with You,  
I deserve to be completely ignored. Your attention is a mercy.  
Even Your anger, Your judgment, Your condemnation are mercies.

Holy and just God, You know all that I have thought and said and done.  
Condemned, I deserve whatever punishment can be inflicted  
on such a miserable creature as me.  
Your total forgiveness is an unspeakable mercy.

Though I am marvelously forgiven,  
my response to You continues to be lukewarm, inconsistent, and ungrateful.  
I deserve Your disgust.  
Instead, in mercy You fill me with Yourself and tenderly grow me toward You.  
Day by day, every breath is a mercy.  
This beautiful earth is a mercy.  
Every chance to know You better is a mercy.  
Your faithful Spirit is such a mercy!  
The amazing privilege of prayer is a mercy.  
Your unfailing patience with my ignorance, weakness, and selfishness is a mercy.  
*Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions  
never fail. They are new every morning.* (Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV)

Almighty God, my Father, You are compassion.  
You are kindness and goodness. You are deep and enduring love.  
My entire existence, every moment and forever, is enfolded in Your unending mercy.  
Praise to You! All praise to You, my Savior and my God!



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God gives grace  
when it is  
least expected and  
least deserved.

~

Hymn recording: [Sea of Mercy](#)

# Sea of Mercy

*Exodus 34:6-7; Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalm 36:5-6a; 100:5; 118:1; 145:8-9;  
Lamentations 3:22-23; Micah 7:18-19; Romans 11:32;  
Ephesians 2:4-7; Titus 3:4-5; Hebrews 4:16*

♩ = 88

$\frac{G}{A}$  A D  $E_m^9$   $\frac{A^7}{E}$  D  $\frac{A_{sus}}{E}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G  $\frac{Gadd9}{F\#}$   $E_m^7$

1. When first I drew an in - fant's breath, I sailed a sea of  
 2. I turned, and You for - gave my past. Lord, what a sea of

D  $\frac{F\#m}{A}$   $\frac{G}{A}$   $A^7$  D  $\frac{F\#m^7}{C\#}$   $\frac{A}{C\#}$  Bm  $\frac{D}{A}$  G  $\frac{Gadd9}{F\#}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G M7  $\frac{E_m^7}{A}$  A  $\frac{G}{A}$

mer - cy. This life, this world, these gifts, my Lord, Were flow - ing all from  
 mer - cy! Now ev - 'ry day in You, my God, I'm more than I can

D  $\frac{G}{D}$   $\frac{A}{G}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$  D  $F\#m$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{D^6}{F\#}$   $\frac{Gadd9}{F\#}$  G M7

You. When bound by sin and blind - ness, So sure that I was  
 be. I love You, and I fol - low. That's all that I can

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Traditional Scottish Tune and Ken Bible

SEA OF MERCY  
8.7.8.6.7.6.8.6.6.

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A sus  $\frac{A \text{ sus}}{E}$  A  $\frac{G}{A}$  A<sup>7</sup> D  $\frac{F\#m7}{C\#}$   $\frac{A}{C\#}$  Bm  $\frac{D}{A}$  G Gadd9

free, do. I saw Your face and heard Your voice And  
Your mer - cy is a might - y sea That

$\frac{D}{A}$  A<sup>°7</sup>  $\frac{F\#7}{A\#}$  Bm  $\frac{F\#m}{A}$  G M<sup>7</sup> G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G M<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{Em7}{A}$  A  $\frac{G}{A}$  1 D  $\frac{G}{D}$

found Your love for me. My God, what love for me!  
car - ries me to You. I'm com - ing, Lord, to

2 D  $\frac{GM7}{A}$   $\frac{G}{A}$  Bm  $\frac{D}{A}$  G Em<sup>7</sup> D

You!

## Our Single-minded Father

Father, this morning You helped my heart to grasp  
what my mind had dimly known:

Everything You have allowed me to go through in my life,  
everything I am going through even now,  
is to build my relationship with You:  
all the years of frustration,  
all the loneliness,  
all the financial struggles,  
all the endless waiting,  
all those disappointments.

You have isolated me to Yourself.  
You have hemmed me in.  
*You have enclosed me behind and before,  
And laid Your hand upon me (Psalm 139:5, NASB).*  
By my circumstances and by Your Spirit within me  
You have turned me repeatedly, persistently toward You.  
You have made Yourself  
my only comfort,  
my only hope,  
my only unchanging Rock of truth,  
my only refuge.

Father, the unfailing faithfulness of Your eternal love swamps  
my tiny attention span,  
my childish self-centeredness,  
my meager, stumbling faith.  
I am a child learning to walk.  
Like any eager parent, You  
call me,  
lift me,  
point me,  
hold my hands, and  
draw me toward Yourself.

Sometimes we wonder whether faith is entirely a gift of Your sovereign choice,  
or whether it is our doing.  
But You are like one building a campfire.  
You work to create a tiny spark,  
then patiently blow it into flame by Your mighty but gentle breath.  
I have to respond,  
but all the doing is Yours, my loving Father.

Continue to patiently, persistently draw me.  
And when I am tempted to despair or complain,  
    help me to remember and look to You again.  
You are my Father, and I am  
    gladly,  
    proudly,  
    humbly Your child.

~

God's greatest blessings often come  
    disguised as difficulties.  
These difficulties are opportunities to  
    trust Him in a new way, and thus to  
    know Him in a new way.

~

**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 You 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.

*rit.*

WORDS: Ken Bible  
 MUSIC: Traditional Folk Tune and Ken Bible

PSALM 112  
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## A Living Hymn

*The heavens are telling of the glory of God;  
And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
And night to night reveals knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor are there words;  
Their voice is not heard.  
Their line has gone out through all the earth,  
And their utterances to the end of the world.  
(Psalm 19:1-4, NASB)*

Father, the heavens sing of Your greatness so  
    beautifully and  
    constantly.  
Even their silence is  
    eloquent and  
    majestic.

Can I, Your child, do any less?  
May my daily kindness sing of Your  
    warm smile and  
    open-armed acceptance.  
May my generosity sing of Your  
    great bounty and  
    eagerness to share.  
Let my patience under pressure sing of Your  
    faithfulness and  
    gentle strength and  
    unshakable peace.

Let my joy in every situation remind those around me that You are  
    always near and  
    always good.

Father, make my life a hymn to Your great love.

~

O Father, my Father,  
may I always respond to all You are!  
    Like the mountains,  
may I quake at Your footsteps.  
    Like the green earth,

may I bear rich fruit because of Your presence in me.  
May all pride melt away before the fire of  
Your magnificence and  
Your holiness.

~

Hymn recording: [Joyfully Giving All](#)



# Joyfully Giving All

TUNE: Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus (HYFRYDOL)  
*Matthew 6:10; 16:24; Romans 12:1; Philippians 3:7-11; Hebrews 12:1-3*

$\text{♩} = 104$  F  $\text{C}^7_{\text{F}} \text{sus}$  F  $\text{C}^7_{\text{F}} \text{sus}$  F  $\text{C}^7_{\text{G}}$   $\text{C}^7_{\text{E}}$  F C C<sub>sus</sub> C  $\text{C}_{\text{B}\flat}$   $\text{F}_{\text{A}}$   $\text{C}^7_{\text{G}}$  F Am

1. Lov - ing Fa - ther, wise Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Sov - 'reign,  
2. All my dream - ing, think - ing, speak - ing, Ev - 'ry ac - tion,  
3. Give Your best, O ten - der Fa - ther, All Your per - fect,

$\text{Gm}_{\text{B}\flat}$   $\text{F}_{\text{C}}$   $\text{C}^7$  F F  $\text{C}^7_{\text{F}} \text{sus}$  F  $\text{C}^7_{\text{F}} \text{sus}$  F  $\text{C}^7_{\text{G}}$   $\text{C}^7_{\text{E}}$  F C C<sub>sus</sub> C  $\text{C}_{\text{B}\flat}$   $\text{F}_{\text{A}}$   $\text{C}^7_{\text{G}}$

Heal - er, Friend, Bless - ing, giv - ing, touch - ing, smil - ing— Good - ness  
ev - 'ry word, May they flow from You, my Fa - ther, That Your  
lov - ing will. All Your wis - dom, all Your kind - ness, All Your

F Am  $\text{Gm}_{\text{B}\flat}$   $\text{F}_{\text{C}}$   $\text{C}^7$  F F F  $\text{C}^7_{\text{E}}$  F  $\text{C}^7$   $\text{C}_{\text{E}}$   $\text{C}^7_{\text{G}}$

none can com - pre - hend! O my Fa - ther, liv - ing  
love be seen and heard. In each hu - man in - ter -  
pur - pose, Lord, ful - fill. Use my strengths, and use my

$\text{C}^7$   $\text{F}_{\text{C}}$  C F F  $\text{C}^7_{\text{G}}$   $\text{F}_{\text{A}}$   $\text{F}_{\text{A}}$   $\text{C}^7_{\text{E}}$  F C  $\text{F}_{\text{A}}$  F  $\text{F}_{\text{A}}$   $\text{C}^7_{\text{G}}$   $\text{C}_{\text{E}}$   $\text{C}^7_{\text{G}}$

treas - ure, Guide in all I say and do. Here I give my  
ac - tion, May I glad - ly pay love's price. Help them, through my  
strug - gles, Use my sick - ness, use my health. By Your Spir - it

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard

HYFRYDOL  
8.7.8.7.D.

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all in wor - ship For the joy of know - ing You!  
 joy - ful giv - ing, Glimpse Your self - less sac - ri - fice.  
 breath - ing through me, Draw the need - y near Your - self.

## From Every Nation

*"People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places...in the kingdom of God. (Luke 13:29, NIV)*

We were at the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, which commemorates the place where the angel announced to Mary that Messiah would be born of her.

I was struck by the many languages, nationalities, and religious traditions that filled the church. They were like children on their first day in heaven, rushing from place to place, bubbling with excitement. Most had traveled long distances at great expense to be there.

What a vivid reminder that people come to faith in Christ through many avenues. Those avenues are as varied as the cultures and personalities of all the people of all the ages.

With each of us, our understanding of God is so partial and so marred by ignorance. But God's goodness comes in many flavors, and His incarnation has so many beautiful faces.

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Father,  
You don't rank individuals by  
importance or  
respectability, and  
neither should we.  
Each one is Your dearly-loved child, and  
we should treat each one as such.

~


Hymn recording: [God of All People](#)

# God of All People

TUNE: Morning Has Broken (BUNESSAN)  
*Exodus 34:5-7; Psalm 104:27-30; Isaiah 40:25;*  
*Matthew 5:43-48; 10:7-8; Acts 17:24-28; Ephesians 3:14-15*


♩ = 126

C C/G C Dm F G7 E/G G Fadd9 F C




1. God of all peo - ple, Fa - ther Cre - a - tor, Breath of all  
2. Lord of all lead - ers, Friend of the hum - ble, Bread for the  
3. God of com - pas - sion, We are Your chil - dren, We are Your

Em Em7 F C D7 G<sup>7</sup> sus G7 C G/B Am Am F C C/E



be - ing, Hope of each heart, Joy of all learn - ing, Spring of all  
hun - gry, Wine for the soul, Un - fail - ing wis - dom, Un - end - ing  
ser - vants, We are Your hands. Rich in Your Spir - it, Rich in Your

Am Fm<sup>6</sup> C G sus Em C Dm7 G Em G7 C



lov - ing, Light of all vis - ion, Beau - ty of art,  
good - ness, Un - yield - ing mer - cy, Gen - tle con - trol,  
bless - ings, Help us to live as Your love de - mands.

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Gaelic Melody; arr. by Ken Bible

BUNESSAN  
5.5.5.4.D.

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## Good to All

*The Lord is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.  
(Psalm 145:9, NIV)*

When someone else is “lucky,” I sometimes feel a little jealous.  
It’s not a storm of jealousy...just a whisper.

But God has many children, and  
He is lavish with them all.  
They are my brothers and sisters,  
dearly loved by the One I love.  
Because they are dear to Him,  
they are dear to me.

I see my Lord in them.  
I love Him in them.  
I serve Him in them.

There is no place for jealousy.

Lord, let praise always be my reaction to Your goodness.

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Father,  
I will rejoice in all our blessings,  
even when they fall on the next person,  
not on me.

~

Hymn recording: [A Thankful Heart](#)

# A Thankful Heart

TUNE: O WALY, WALY

Mark 10:13-16; Colossians 3:15, 17; 1 John 3:18; 4:7-21

$\text{♩} = 60$

1. A thank - ful heart, a thank - ful heart, Lord, grow in  
 2. A sim - ple faith, a sim - ple faith, For ev - 'ry  
 3. A life of love, a life of love, In Je - sus  
 4. A thank - ful heart, a sim - ple faith, A life of

me need, a thank - ful heart. So man - y gifts You give each  
 Christ a sim - ple faith. Fa - ther, You hold me in Your  
 love a life of love. Lord, as I live and breathe in  
 in You each day Till we are one and face to

day! I ask one more: a thank - ful heart.  
 arms, So give Your child a sim - ple faith.  
 You, This wealth is mine: a life of love.  
 face And all is joy and end - less praise!

WORDS: Ken Bible, inspired by George Herbert (17th c.)  
 MUSIC: English Folk Melody

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