

James River Community Church

Sunday March 14, 2021

How Can I Keep From Singing

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Redman

There is an endless song
Echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come
I am holding on
To the rock I cling

How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing

I will lift my eyes
In the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You
Knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give

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How can I ever say enough
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I can sing in the troubled times
Sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step
And fall down again

I can sing 'cause You pick me up
Sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord
When I call to You in prayer

I can sing with my last breath
Sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels
And the saints around the throne

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Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 30.

Please participate by reading the underlined portions.

Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people! Praise his holy name!

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping may last for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Exalt the Lord! For he has lifted us up from the depths. He has brought us out of the pit.

God has turned our mourning into dancing. He has removed our sackcloth, and clothed us with joy. We will not be silent! We will sing praises to the Lord forever!

Your Grace Is Enough

Matt Maher

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough
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Congregational Prayer

Based in Romans 15:1-3.

Heavenly Father,

We recall Paul's words that "we who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves."

We confess that we are often irritated and intolerant of those who disagree with us. We fail to build up our neighbors, and instead tread all over them. We fail to follow the example of our Savior who "did not please himself."

Forgive us for the sins of arrogance and pride.
Forgive us for treating one another with disdain.
Grant us grace to embody the mindset of Jesus.

Amen.

New City Catechism

Question 32

What do justification and sanctification mean?

Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, all is mine
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, I am free
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, Colin Buchanan

Jesus said that if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

Jesus said if I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind

Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him

For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind

Jesus said if I am lost
He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me

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Children's Church

Children (up to 2nd grade) are dismissed to Children's Church.

Praying to God for Remembrance, Repentance, Revival, and Restoration

Psalm 85

¹ Lord, thou hast been favourable unto thy land:
thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

² Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou
hast covered all their sin. *Selah.*

³ Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast
turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.

⁴ Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

⁵ Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

⁶ Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

⁷ Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

⁸ I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

⁹ Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹² Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

¹³ Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

His Mercy Is More

Matt Papa

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea, without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait, as we constantly roam
What Father so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment his life was the cost
We stood neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, his mercy more

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Benediction

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