

**“TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS”**

*Trinity Hymnal #679 (vs. 1&3)*

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at His word.  
Just to rest upon His promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!  
I’m so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that Thou are with me, will be with me to the end. *(Chorus)*

**WE THANK GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS” (DOXOLOGY)**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. / Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**WE HEAR FROM GOD’S WORD:** Acts 28:23-28

*Pastor Michael Colvard*

*“A Harsh and Hardening Sermon: What’s the Good of Bad News?”*

**WE CELEBRATE THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**“ALAS AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED”**

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1) Alas and did my savior bleed  
Did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head  
For such a fool as I?

Chorus  
The strangeness of love,  
My life in Your death  
In Your brokenness  
My wholeness revealed  
Your bonds are my freedom,  
Your sorrow my song  
And by Your wounds I am healed

3) Was it for crimes that I have done  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree! *(Chorus)*

4) But drops of grief can ne’er repay  
The debt of love I owe:  
Here, Lord, I give myself away  
‘Tis all that I can do. *(Chorus)*

**WE RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING OVER US (BENEDICTION)**



The Worship of God  
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*Harbor’s mission is to exist as a FAMILY of God’s people to GLORIFY God in all things, by PREACHING the gospel of Jesus Christ crucified, EQUIPPING His saints, and ENGAGING our community and the world with the love of Christ.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95:1-8 *(selections)*

*(Please Read Responsively)*

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts

WE ASK GOD TO BE WITH US (PRAYER OF INVOCATION)

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, for ever. Amen.

**“IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE”**

*Trinity Hymnal #38*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.  
Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.  
Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see,  
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

## WE CONFESS OUR SIN TOGETHER

*Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our agendas. Forgive us. **Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.***

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS IN OUR HEARTS *(silently)*

### GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN: Ezekiel 11:19-20

<sup>19</sup> And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, <sup>20</sup> that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

## “WE ARE NOT OVERCOME”

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1)Flesh will fail, bones will break  
thieves will steal, the earth will shake.  
Night will fall, the light will fade. The  
Lord will give and take away.

3)Put no trust in the earth  
in the sod you stand upon  
Flowers fade into dust,  
The Lord will make a place for us *(Chorus)*

Chorus:  
Because of His great Love,  
We are not overcome  
Because of His great Love,  
We are not overcome

4)Have no fear for you life:  
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek. Bear the  
yoke of love and death; The Lord will give all  
life and breath *(Chorus x2)*

## WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER: Westminster Confession of Faith 5.4b,5-6

[S]infulness still belongs to the creature and does not proceed from God, whose holy righteousness does not and cannot cause or approve sin.

In the fullness of his wisdom, righteousness, and grace God often allows his own children to be tempted in various ways and for a time to pursue the corruption of their own hearts. God does this to chastise them for their previous sins and to reveal to them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness in their hearts, so that they may be humbled. In addition to various other just and holy results, believers are thereby raised to a closer and more constant dependence on God for their support and are also made more alert in detecting and resisting opportunities to sin.

It is different for the wicked and the ungodly. As punishment for their previous sins, God, the righteous judge, spiritually blinds and hardens them in their own sinfulness. From them God not only withdraws his grace, by which they might have been spiritually enlightened, but sometimes he also withdraws whatever gift of spiritual understanding they already had and deliberately exposes them to the opportunities for sinning which their corrupt nature naturally seeks. He thereby gives them over to their own desires, to the temptations of the world, and to the power of Satan, and so it happens that they harden themselves even under those circumstances which God uses to soften others.

## “FROM THE DEPTHS OF WOE”

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, The voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me, And hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark, Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

O who shall stand before Thee? *(Who shall stand before Thee?)*  
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To wash away the crimson stain, Grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; In much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight, All must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy *(Live alone by mercy)*  
And live alone by mercy *(Live alone by mercy)*

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, And not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word, Upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort, My comfort and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience *(Wait for it with patience)*  
I wait for it with patience *(Wait for it with patience)*

What though I wait the live-long night, And 'til the dawn appeareth,  
My heart still trusteth in His might; It doubteth not nor feareth;  
**Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed;**

**And wait 'til God appeareth *(Wait 'til God appeareth)***  
**And wait 'til God appeareth *(Wait 'til God appeareth)***

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows, Our upmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free,

From all their sin and sorrow *(All their sin and sorrow)*  
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## WE READ FROM GOD'S WORD: Luke 15:25-32

<sup>25</sup> “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> **And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’** <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, **‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’** <sup>31</sup> **And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’ ”**

## WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

*Jack Edwards*

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