

GOD HIMSELF

Verse: In the day when silent sorrow, Seems to shake me to the core, Then I hear the heavenly comfort, You will weep no more

Chorus: God Himself will dry your tears, God Himself will soothe your fears

Verse: In the day when earthly weakness, Weighs your weary spirit down, All around you seems a burden, All above you seems a frown (*Chorus*)

Verse: In the day when sin oppresses, And the battle rages strong, When the victory seems doubtful, Or triumphant seems the wrong (*Chorus 2x*)

Ending: Oh I hear the heavenly comfort "You will weep no more"

LAW GOSPEL DOXOLOGY

1. Your perfect law exposes me, I feel my sin and desperate need, My best good works are powerless, To satisfy Your righteousness

2. But there is One who lived for me, His life my only victory, His death forever sealed in time, That I am His and He is mine

3. 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

JESUS CAST A LOOK ON ME

1. Jesus cast a look on me, Give me sweet simplicity, Make me poor and keep me low, Seeking only Thee to know

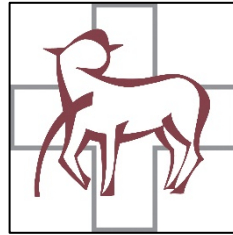
2. All that feeds my busy pride, Cast it evermore aside, Bid my will to Thine submit, Lay me humbly at Thy feet

3. Make me like a little child, Of my strength and wisdom spoiled, Seeing only in Thy light, Walking only in Thy might

4. Leaning on Thy loving breast, Where a weary soul can rest, Feeling well the peace of God, Flowing from His precious blood

5. In this posture let me live, And hosannas daily give, In this temper let me die, And hosannas ever cry

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EXODUS 17:1-7 (p. 59 *Pew Bible*)

¹ All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

ROMANS 5:1-8 (p. 942 *Pew Bible*)

⁵ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

JOHN 4:5-26 (p. 888-889 *Pew Bible*)

⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Visitors!

If you're visiting with us today, we extend a warm welcome to you! We're glad you're here and we know that the Lord will bless you with His Word. Please fill out the Visitor Card and place it in the offering plate.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion, is celebrated today. Our Lord cautions us to be discerning before participating in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:29). For this reason, we ask all those communing here for the first time to speak with Pastor Dann prior to communing. The Lord bids the baptized to come with faith in Christ and in repentance (1 Cor. 11:23, 28), belief that Christ is bodily present in bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:29), desire to live according to the Scriptures (1 Cor. 11:26-27), and bonded in faith and love with our fellow communicants.

Jacob's Prayer Ladder

- +David Stevens (Paul Steven's brother) – suffering from pancreatic cancer
- +Arja Toivio (Johanna's mom) – for recovery and healing from Lymphoma
- +Keith Thompson (former St. Paul organist) – strength and peace
- +Phil Martin – recovering from shoulder surgery
- +Anne Mohr – recovering from wrist and hip injuries
- +Mary Ciaramello (Donna's mom) – healing from lung cancer; for comfort and strength
- +Phyllis Wallace (Jill's friend) – cancer
- +Amy Foy and daughter Hallie – suffering from Lyme disease
- +Paul Koehne (Karin's friend) – for strength and comfort as he heals from colon surgery
- +Mary Clapp (Allen's mom) – for strength as she suffers from cancer
- +For couples struggling to balance their marriage, the needs of young children, and outside demands.
- +Dennis Vietzke (Dee's brother) - for strength and healing after colon cancer surgery
- +Katherine Ulbricht (Beverly's sister-in-law) – thanks given by the family for her peaceful transition to memory care
- +Allen Clapp and family – For strength and peace as they mourn the passing of Allen's father, Rufus

Sunday Morning Service

March 15

Altar Guild: Yuen
Lector: Scott Wujek
Luther's Café: Kay Banegas and Anne Mohr
Ushers: Bickerstaff / Wujek
Counters: Kasting / Mootz

March 22

Altar Guild: Skov
Lector: Peter Kasting
Luther's Café: Board of Trustees
Ushers: Bickerstaff / Wujek
Counters: Kasting / Mootz

March 29

Altar Guild: Anderson
Lector: Tom Mucha
Luther's Café: **servant needed**
Ushers: Bickerstaff / Wujek
Counters: Kasting / Mootz

Daily Lectionary

March 15 – Genesis 49:29 – 50:26; John 15:26 – 16:6
March 16 – Exodus 1:1-22; John 16:7-24
March 17 – Exodus 2:1-22; John 16:25-33
March 18 – Exodus 2:23 – 3:22; John 17:1-13
March 19 – Exodus 4:1-18; John 17:14-26
March 20 – Exodus 4:19-31; John 18:1-11
March 21 – Exodus 5:1 – 6:1; John 18:12-14
March 22 – Exodus 7:1-25; John 18:15-18

Got Kids?

If you have young kids, there is a basket at the back of the sanctuary for your kids or simply ask an usher for one. There are also board books for babies and toddlers. The nursery is at the back, far-end of the sanctuary.

Altar Guild

We are looking for volunteers to assist with preparing the sanctuary for Sunday services. If you are interested, please reach out to Rich Anderson.

Prayer Requests

If you would like to include a prayer request in the announcements, please contact Betty Dawn at bskov@stanfordalumni.org

Voters' Assembly

The Spring Voters' Assembly will be on Sunday, March 22nd at 10:20 following service in the fellowship hall. Lunch will not be served.