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BLESS

THE LORD,

O MY

SOUL

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PSALM 103



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Welcome

Prelude

Give Me Jesus

Arr. Mark Hayes

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Opening Words

Psalm 77:11-12 CEB

I will remember the LORD's deeds; yes, I will remember your wondrous acts from times long past. I will meditate on all your works; I will ponder your deeds.

* Opening Prayer

Holy God, you call us together to reflect on your Word, and our life in your world. Be with us now as we sing and pray together, that we may hear your voice and understand your way. This we pray through Jesus, the Christ. Amen

* Opening Song *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* # 182 VT

Verse 1:

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey.

Verse 2:

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures with a word, & then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

Verse 3:

There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne.
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
there's not a place where we can flee but God is present there.

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Children's Time (after, children, over 5, can go to Children's Church)

Song

10,000 Reasons / Bless the Lord

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Refrain:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul worships your holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

Verse 1:

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

[Refrain]

Verse 2:

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.
your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

[Refrain]

Verse 3:

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come,
still, my soul will sing your praise unending
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

[Refrain]

*Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul worships your holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name,
worship Your Holy name; worship Your Holy name.*

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 103:1-5, 19-22 NRSVUE

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—
³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. ²⁰ Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word. ²¹ Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers who do his will. ²² Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Congregational Prayer

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Special Music

Remembrance

(#479 VT)

Remembrance by Matt Maher, Matt Redman

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Thoughts on Giving

Psalm 116:12-14 CEB

¹² What can I give back to the Lord for all the good things he has done for me? ¹³ I'll lift up the cup of salvation. I'll call on the Lord's name. ¹⁴ I'll keep the promises I made to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

* **Doxology**

Praise God (Doxology)

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Luke 22:14-20 CEB

¹⁴ When the time came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles joined him. ¹⁵ He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ I tell you, I won't eat it until it is fulfilled in God's kingdom." ¹⁷ After taking a cup and giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. ¹⁸ I tell you that from now on I won't drink from the fruit of the vine until God's kingdom has come." ¹⁹ After taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ In the same way, he took the cup after the meal and said, "This cup is the new covenant by my blood, which is poured out for you."

Sermon

"Remember/Re-member"

Response of Remembrance

Pastor: Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. (Psalm 25:6)

People: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord. (Psalm 25:7)

Pastor: "The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel... For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more. (Jeremiah 31:31,34)

People: The Lord is gracious and compassionate. He remembers his covenant forever. (Psalm 111:4-5)

Pastor: Remember the gracious love of our Lord in heaven

People: who made us children of his own possession.

Pastor: Remember Jesus Christ, sent by God to share our human nature, to live and to die as one of us, and so to move us from the alienation of sin and death,

People: to reconcile us to God by his perfect sacrifice, and through his suffering, death, and resurrection to save all who put their trust in him.

Pastor: Remember the Holy Spirit, who teaches us these things

People: and makes the effects of Christ's salvation real in our lives.

Invitation to Communion

All of us, who are in love and fellowship in the family of God, who do truly and earnestly repent of our sins, who humbly put out trust in Christ, and who desire his help that we might walk in the newness of life, are invited to draw near to God and receive this Holy Communion to our comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Communion

Prayer (in unison)

Our God, as we break this bread with the person next to us we are aware of that part of ourselves that is hurting and broken. We also know of things that need to be broken and done away with. We offer all this to you and invite your presence into our brokenness. For it is there that you can reach us and care for us. Amen.

Liturgy for Bread and Cup Communion

Reading of 1st Corinthians 11:23-24 ESV

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ 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."

Receiving the Bread and Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

Reading of 1st Corinthians 11:25-26 ESV

²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Receiving the Cup and Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

This cup which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Lord, we have been guests at your table. We know the wholeness that comes when we accept your life and make it ours. We give you thanks for all the blessings that come our way. We thank you even more that in our very difficult moments, in our pain and confusion, even in our separateness from each other, you are present with us. Nothing can separate us from your love. In the assurance of that promise, we truly wish to be your healed and healing body in this world. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **Song** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* # 840 VT

Verse 1

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.

Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Verse 2

God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings, protecting, hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Verse 3

God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Verse 4

God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threat'ning wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

*** Benediction**

Postlude

The Bread We Break is Telling

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* Please stand as able and led



Ministers All Members

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Worship Leader..... Alyce Newman	Guitarist David Whitten
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Special Music..... Vanessa Morton	Tech & Media Director Kevin Beers

