

APRIL 28, 2024

SEASON OF EASTERTIDE

OASIS WEEKLY

A WORSHIP COMPANION

“ALL FLESH”



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“GRAVES INTO GARDENS”

ELEVATION WORSHIP

I searched the world
but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and
put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied
here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
my failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
There's not a place your mercy and
grace won't find me again

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can
You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 22

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

God, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy. Amen.

“GOOD GRACE”

HILLSONG WORSHIP

People come together
Strange as neighbours our blood is one
Children of generations
Of every nation of Kingdom come

Don't let your heart be troubled
Hold your head up high don't fear no evil
Fix your eyes on this one truth
God is madly in love with you
Take courage hold on be strong
Remember where our help comes from

Jesus our redemption
Our salvation is in His blood
Jesus Light of heaven
Friend forever His Kingdom come

Swing wide all you heavens
Let the praise go up as the walls come down
All creation everything with breath repeat
the sound
All His children clean hands pure hearts
Good grace good God His Name is Jesus

“WORTHY”

ELEVATION WORSHIP

It was my cross You bore
So I could live in the freedom You died for
And now my life is Yours
And I will sing of Your goodness
forevermore

Worthy is Your name Jesus
You deserve the praise worthy is Your
name
Worthy is Your name Jesus
You deserve the praise worthy is Your
name

And now my shame is gone
I stand amazed in Your love undeniable
Your grace goes on and on
And I will sing of Your goodness
forevermore

Be exalted now in the heavens
As Your glory fills this place
You alone deserve our praise
You're the name above all names

ACTS 8:26-40

NRSV

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD"

NRSV

The Lord is my shepherd
The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want

He leads my soul by the still waters
In the green pastures I am restored
Though I may walk through the dark
valley of the shadow of death
I will not fear
For your rod and staff comfort me

Goodness and mercy they will follow me
All of the days all the days of my life
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever and ever

JOHN 15:1-8

NRSV

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(SHARE YOUR PRAYERS/PRAISE IN THE COMMENTS)

God who is our source and sustainer, by your own hand and in your own image you have created us. By love you have fashioned all flesh to be an icon of its creator. And when we fell away and pursued our own good as we saw fit, you were already making ways for our salvation. While we were far away, you sought us out. While we were still your enemies, you reconciled us. While we were yet dead in our rebellion, you raised us to glorious life. For these wondrous works you have done in and for us, we give you thanks and praise this morning, Lord Jesus, our brother and savior. In these deeds, we find not only our joy and consolation, but an invitation - a summons to be instruments of this mercy to others who you have likewise reconciled to your body.

We acknowledge that we have not always accepted this calling. Where you have called us to be emissaries, we have acted as gatekeepers. What you have called us to extend, we have withheld. Who you have invited, we have excluded. Forgive us for this and strengthen us in our mission to welcome others into the body of Christ. Give us the charity of heart and generosity of spirit to welcome those who we might otherwise reject so that we may hasten the coming reality where all abide in unity of the Spirit in one Lord; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

(The Prayers of the People.)

Nurturing God, remembering today that we were once estranged, we remember all who need your sustaining love. Hear our prayers for the church and the community in the world. Grant that all people may hear together the song of joy, and find life in the vine of Christ Jesus, that we may experience the fullness of life, which is your will for all, in the coming of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING CONFESSION

We believe that every good thing comes from God and that God's goodness is freely given.

We devote ourselves to lives of generosity and resist the covetous ways of this world.

We denounce the myth of scarcity and proclaim the abundance of your provision.

Lord, teach our hearts to give joyfully and enrich us with that which does not corrupt or decay.

Amen.

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THE OASIS COMMUNITY
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