

MTB: February 23, 2017 - Retreat Day

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. - Heb. 12: 1-3

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words: Joachim Neander Music: German tune

1. Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord,
Who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness
And mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Come to Me

Sandra McCracken

***Come to me
Walk with me
Learn the rhythms of my grace
Come to me
I have all you need
Learn to rest even while you are awake***

Are you tired?
Are you worried?
Worn out from the day?
Have you been in a hurry?
I will slow the pace (***repeat song***)

tag: come to me, come to me, come to me

Responsive Reading (read bold italicized print)

As the deer longs for streams of water, so we long for you, O God.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Happy are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before you in Zion.

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Flourishing

Sandra McCracken, based on Ps. 119:33-40

Teach me, oh God to follow your decrees
Give me understanding, your word, I wanna keep
Direct me in the path, of your commands
For there I find delight, my will is in your hands

***Turn my heart away from worthless things
Preserve my life, according to your ways
Take away disgrace
You hold me in my place---flourishing***

Fulfill your promise to the ones you love
Within your ways we walk, for your laws are good
Temptation loses pow'r, my soul's revived
In righteousness, oh God, preserve my life.

Doxology (Jude 23-24)

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To Him who is able,
To keep you from falling
To Him, to Him, to Him
To Him, to Him, to Him.

We are standing in His presence
With our garments clean and white
All glory, honor, power, majesty
To Jesus Christ.