

SONG LYRICS AND SCRIPTURE
for Sunday, November 22, 2020

SONG OF PRAISE

Hymn 215

When Morning Gilds The Skies

Verse 1

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries, May Jesus Christ be praised
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair, May Jesus Christ be praised

Verse 2

The night becomes as day, When from the heart we say, May Jesus Christ be praised
The powers of darkness fear, When this sweet song they hear
May Jesus Christ be praised

Verse 3

Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find: May Jesus Christ be praised
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound, May Jesus Christ be praised

Verse 4

Be this while life is mine, My canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised
Be this the eternal song through all the ages on, May Jesus Christ be praised

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

Hymn 539

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Verse 1

My faith looks up to Thee Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine
Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away
O let me from this day Be wholly Thine

Verse 2

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee
Pure warm and changeless be, A living fire

Verse 3

While life's dark maze I tread, And grief's around me spread, Be Thou my guide
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away
Nor let me ever stray, From Thee aside

Verse 4

When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold sullen stream Shall o'er me roll
Blest Savior then in love, Fear and distrust remove
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul

SCRIPTURE READING & PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ACTS 27:13-44

When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they had their opportunity. So they weighed anchor and sailed along, hugging the coast of Crete. **14**But it was not long before a cyclone called the Northeaster swept down across the island. **15**Unable to head into the wind, the ship was caught up. So we gave way and let ourselves be driven along. **16**Passing to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we barely managed to secure the lifeboat. **17**After hoisting it up, the crew used ropes to undergird the ship. And fearing that they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and were driven along. **18**We were tossed so violently that the next day the men began to jettison the cargo. **19**On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle

overboard with their own hands. **20**When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the great storm continued to batter us, we abandoned all hope of being saved. **21**After the men had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up among them and said, “Men, you should have followed my advice not to sail from Crete. Then you would have averted this disaster and loss. **22**But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because you will not experience any loss of life, but only of the ship. **23**For just last night an angel of God, whose I am and whom I serve, stood beside me **24**and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And look, God has granted you the lives of all who sail with you.’ **25**So take courage, men, for I believe God that it will happen just as He told me. **26**However, we must run aground on some island.”

27On the fourteenth night we were still being driven across the Adriatic Sea. About midnight the sailors sensed they were approaching land. **28**They took soundings and found that the water was twenty fathoms deep. Going a little farther, they took another set of soundings that read fifteen fathoms. **29**Fearing that we would run aground on the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daybreak. **30**Meanwhile, the sailors attempted to escape from the ship. Pretending to lower anchors from the bow, they let the lifeboat down into the sea. **31**But Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, “Unless these men remain with the ship, you cannot be saved.” **32**So the soldiers cut the ropes to the lifeboat and set it adrift.

33Right up to daybreak, Paul kept urging them all to eat: “Today is your fourteenth day in constant suspense, without taking any food. **34**So for your own preservation, I urge you to eat something, because not a single hair of your head will be lost.”

35After he had said this, Paul took bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat. **36**They were all encouraged and took some food themselves. **37**In all, there were 276 of us on board. **38**After the men had eaten their fill, they lightened the ship by throwing the grain into the sea. **39**When daylight came, they did not recognize the land, but they sighted a bay with a sandy beach, where they decided to run the ship aground if they could. **40**Cutting away the anchors, they left them in the sea as they loosened the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and made for the beach. **41**But the vessel struck a sandbar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was being broken up by the pounding of the waves. **42**The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners so none of them could swim to freedom. **43**But the centurion, wanting to spare Paul’s life, thwarted their plan. He commanded those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. **44**The rest were to follow on planks and various parts of the ship. In this way everyone was brought safely to land.

DOXOLOGY

Hymn 815

CLOSING SONG

Hymn 526

The Solid Rock

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Verse 2

When darkness veils His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil

Verse 3

His oath His covenant His blood, Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay

Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne