



# **SUNDAY IN HOME WORSHIP**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020



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## ROMANS 8:31-39

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## PRAY IN RESPONSE

We have just heard God speaking to us through his word, so let's speak back!

- Praise God that he is so completely 'for us' in Christ!
- Bring any fears you have to our sovereign God of salvation.
- Confess any sins this passage reveals and ask for continued growth.

# HOLY HOLY HOLY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

# ALL TO US

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation  
You are faithful to the end  
We are waiting on you, Jesus  
We believe you're all to us (repeat)

*Let the glory of your name  
Be the passion of the Church  
Let the righteousness of God  
Be a holy flame that burns  
Let the saving love of Christ  
Be the measure of our lives  
We believe you're all to us*

Only Son of God sent from heaven  
Hope and mercy at the cross  
You are everything, you're the promise  
Jesus, you are all to us

## **Chorus x2**

When this passing world is over  
We will see You face to face  
And forever we will worship  
Jesus, You are all to us  
Jesus, You are all to us

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

As you are all too well aware of, Grange Baptist Church is still in a scattered state on account of Coronavirus. So while we can't gather together, please make use of your phones or screens to keep checking in on each other. If you have any needs of support or even of a chat to break the boredom, please open that church directory and give someone a call! Feel free to drop a call into Luke or Ben anytime too.

If, during this time, you have been pondering big questions about church and faith in the time of a pandemic, you may like to have a listen to two podcasts now available here: <https://grangebaptist.org.au/covid-19/> under 'general resources.'

If you can think of any important announcements that would be worth noting here for next week, please let Luke or Ben know. If you have pressing prayer or praise points, please let us know about those also.

## PRAYERS OF PETITION

Since God is sovereign and pleased to work through the prayers of his people, let's bring our requests to him. You might like to share prayer points if you are spending this time with others today.

- Pray for the world and national governing authorities (for the USA, India, and Indonesia where cases are increasing and controlling the spread of the virus comes with many challenges)
- Thank God for his kindness to Australia with a low death rate (pray for that to continue by his grace, pray for family members of those who have died, ask God to be humbling many hearts around Australia and drawing people to himself through this time)
- Pray for other churches (please pray for Enoggera Baptist Church and especially for one of their pastors, Mike, who is leading the church through this time while his fellow elders' time is taken up with other important duties)
- Pray for Grange Baptist Church (for those you are technologically joining with this morning, for Luke & Ben who need your prayers, for patience and joy for parents and their school-aged children being home schooled, for protection from COVID-19 for our members and loved ones, for business owners and business managers, for medical professionals)
- Pray for faithfulness in our witness to Christ at this time as we consider using creative means of evangelisation we might not have before (pray we would all have wisdom and boldness to make use of the upcoming Easter weekend for the glory of Jesus! Pray for people by name you would love to see come to Christ during Coronavirus)



## PSALM 114

<sup>1</sup> When Israel went out from Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

<sup>2</sup> Judah became his sanctuary,  
Israel his dominion.

<sup>3</sup> The sea looked and fled;  
Jordan turned back.

<sup>4</sup> The mountains skipped like rams,  
the hills like lambs.

<sup>5</sup> What ails you, O sea, that you flee?  
O Jordan, that you turn back?

<sup>6</sup> O mountains, that you skip like rams?  
O hills, like lambs?

<sup>7</sup> Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

<sup>8</sup> who turns the rock into a pool of water,  
the flint into a spring of water.

## HEAR, GRASP & LIVE GOD'S WORD

It's another exciting psalm of lively poetry to tuck away in our minds for the week/s ahead. The psalms really are a treasure trove of songs for his people that recalibrate our hearts with the awesome power and love of our God.

## HEAR GOD'S WORD

Re-read Psalm 114 together.

## GRASP GOD'S WORD

### PSALM 114:1-2

- What event in Israel's history is being described in verse 1?
- What glorious reality is being described in verse 2?

When Israel went out of Egypt, Israel became the command centre of 'him' who delivered them. He took up residence within those he had redeemed. So watch out, you who stand against his people!

### PSALM 114:3-4

- Even the sea and mountains flee in terror from God who dwells among his people! What events in Israel's redemptive history can you spot in verse 3?

We might have expected the psalmist to remind us of how a human enemy (like the Amalekites) bolted in defeat, but instead he reminds us of how even seas and mountains ran away from Israel, the sanctuary of the Lord.

### PSALM 114:5-6

- What is the tone of these questions do you think?

These are taunts! We have been given words to taunt the seas and mountains who flee away from us because the fearsome God is with us and for us.

## PSALM 114:7-8

- The taunting rhetorical questions of verses 5 & 6 now get their answer: What ails the sea, the river, the mountains, the hills?... it's the Lord!
- Interestingly, the psalmist chose not to disclose the identity of the fearsome hero of the psalm until verse 7. What effect does this 'late reveal' have on us?
- What event in Israel's history is being described in verse 8?
- Notice that verses 1-4 are in the past tense and verses 5-8 are in the present tense. What encouragement does this bring us?

We don't tell the earth to tremble on account of us, but we tell the earth to tremble on account of the God of Jacob who is present with us! He has power over even seas and mountains and he powerfully provides for his people, even bringing water from a rock!

## SUMMARY

The God of Psalm 114 is the God who delivers his people by splitting the water to produce a rock bed (verse 5) and by splitting the rock to produce water (verse 8). It's only right that the earth trembles in fear if it stands in the way of the Lord who is with us and for us!

This is the emboldening song of the redeemed whose God brought them out of slavery in earth-shattering fashion. In Psalm 114 they sing, "Tremble O earth; fearsome Almighty God is with us, fights for us, cares for us!"

As the people of God in Christ, we know the greater exodus that is already ours through his death and resurrection. Having received the salvation of God fulfilled in Jesus, we can sing Psalm 114 loudest and with full assurance! Go and join the apostle Paul as he does that in Romans 8:37-39!

## **LIVE GOD'S WORD**

We can respond to God's word in our living in the following ways:

- By adding Psalm 114 to our arsenal of songs to sing in the face of fear.
- By trusting in God's presence with us, his fighting for us, his care of us.  
What might that look like?
- By telling others that, though we have rational concerns, we have a peace at this time because we know the one, true God who is over all. He is with us (the Church) and for us, and by coming to God through Jesus he will be with them and for them too!

## **PRAY IN RESPONSE**

Pray to God in response to his word.

## **PASTORAL REFLECTION**

Having studied the psalm you may like to listen to a pastoral reflection on it here: <https://grangebaptist.org.au/covid-19/> or by playing the CD that has been provided to you.

# BEHOLD OUR GOD

Who has held the oceans in his hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on his throne  
Come let us adore him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare  
Come let us adore him*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of his words?  
Who can teach the one who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

## *Chorus*

Who has felt the nails upon his hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Saviour risen now to reign

## *Chorus*

