



Firstly, some exciting Church family news from Mary B. Congratulations to Joy and Samson on the birth of their daughter Isabella. She joins the other recent arrivals of Jonah and Benjamin.

Father thank you for the gift of new life and that each one is hugely special to You and known in Your heart. We praise You for the special plans and purposes You have for them and we pray Your loving protection over them. Give their parents and grandparents, and us as a Church, the wisdom and grace to care for them. Please protect their hearts and minds and as they grow and help them to know You and Your love our church as we look to the future.

Song

You're a Man of your word, yes You are
All of Your promises are "Yes" and "Amen"
If You said it, we believe it

Father of kindness
You have poured out grace
You brought me out of darkness
You have filled me with peace
Giver of mercy
You're my help in time of need
Lord, I can't help but sing

Let's sing aloud
Faithful, You are
Faithful, forever You will be
Faithful, You are
All Your promises are "Yes" and "Amen"
All Your promises are "Yes" and "Amen"

Beautiful Saviour
You have brought me near
You pulled me from the ashes
You have broken every curse
Blessed Redeemer
You have set this captive free
Lord, I can't help but sing

And we say faithful, You are
Faithful, forever You will be
Faithful, You are (We believe and we know that)

Yes and Amen

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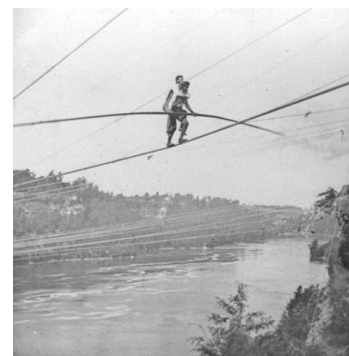
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Read Isaiah 7

Teaching



Song

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory
When all I see is the mountain, You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now for I am safe with You

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
Oh God, the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
Oh God, the battle belongs to You
And if You are for me, who can be against me? Yeah
For Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You

When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty
Thank You God
When all I see is a cross, God, You see the empty tomb

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
Oh God, the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
Oh God, the battle belongs to You

Almighty fortress, You go before us
Nothing can stand against the power of our God
You shine in the shadow, You win every battle
Nothing can stand against the power of our God

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Prayers

We want to thank you for all the good things and blessings that you have given us all, for the loved ones in our lives, for keeping us all safe this week and for your beautiful and wonderful creation that reflects your majesty.

We pray for our world – that those in authority and power everywhere may not lose touch with the needs of those they serve, so that the poor, oppressed and vulnerable are always given value and respect. We pray that decisions will be made with compassion, integrity and courage, and leaders may be able to discern and do what is right rather than what is easy. Thinking of countries particularly suffering at the moment, we ask that you would make your love known and be a light in these areas of darkness.

We also pray for your Church, that all Christians may learn to live together in your love and show your glory in the world. May we always seek to look to you in difficult situations and live out what we profess so that we can be your witnesses. As we think about the death of Jesus we remember how his life was one of sacrifice. We ask for the presence of your Holy Spirit to empower us to change and become less selfish, less proud and more generous in the way that we give of ourselves to others in worship to you.

Pause to share in bread and wine...



We pray for strength for our brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted for worshipping you, asking you will support them in these difficult places and help them experience your love, joy and peace.

Finally Lord we pray for our community. May your healing touch rest upon those who are sick; may your strength be felt by those who are tired; and may your wisdom and love encourage those who live with anxiety. We think of those we know who are suffering in mind or body and offer our own personal prayers for them now.

Almighty God, may your presence be seen clearly in everything we do and say each day throughout the coming week. We pray that your joy and your love will flow freely as we follow where you lead us. Amen.

Song

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!
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
Oh thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity
Oh God in three persons
Blessed Trinity!

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May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
walk with you on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded
hands - stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded
heart - open your hearts to love.
May you see the face of Christ in everyone
you meet,
And may everyone you meet see the face
of Christ in you. Amen.