

Revelation, Chapters 1-3

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Introduction

The book of Revelation is a revelation of Jesus Christ – that is, it is the Father’s revelation given *through* Jesus Christ *about* Jesus Christ. In it, the Father uses vivid, larger-than-life visions to show us what He is doing through His glorious Son. The visions give us the big picture of God’s actions past, present, and future. These visions seem less focused on relaying specific historical events and more focused on showing us a broad view of what God is doing. They relay history from a perspective that is wider and higher than any single historical incident can possibly capture.

The five-volume ***Revelation*** series in “Fresh Views of Timeless Truth” is designed to help us see and respond to the truths in this amazing, and sometimes intimidating, book. It is not a commentary, and thus it makes no attempt to explain every image, detail, and interpretation. Instead, it focuses on the major truths taught in Revelation and provides devotional resources to help us understand and respond to them.

With each passage of scripture you’ll find:

- The scripture itself.
- A devotional reflection and/or prayer response based on some major truth in that passage.
- An original hymn that helps us respond to that truth with body, mind, and heart. The words and music of the hymn are provided, along with a link to that hymn’s recording on our website, LNWhymns.com. Everything there is downloadable and free.

As with every word I write, this book is written with the purpose and deep desire that you be drawn to our magnificent Father. What a glorious, eternal destiny He has created for us in His Son, Jesus Christ!

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.
(Ephesians 1:18-19, NASB)

--Ken Bible

Focus on Jesus Christ

Introduction to Revelation

In a world overflowing with distractions and delusions,
empty threats and false hopes,
focus on what God is doing through Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the sovereign, creative Word of Almighty God.
Whatever God wills,

His Son Jesus brings about.

The Father speaks, and
the Son makes it reality.

If you want to know what is going to happen in our world,
focus on Jesus Christ.

He is the future of all creation.

If you want to know our destiny as a race and
your personal destiny as a believer,
focus on Jesus Christ.

He is the Second Adam,
the first of an entirely new human family.

As He is revealed,
we are revealed in Him.

As He is,
we will be.

Jesus Christ is our past, present, and future.

He is our Source and our Goal,
the spring from which we have come and
the ocean toward which we are flowing.

If you want to understand the past,
focus on Jesus.
It points to Him.

If you want to understand the present,
focus on Jesus.
He is what our loving Father wants for us today.

If you want to understand the future,
focus on Jesus.
All reality is moving toward Him.

Hymn recording: [Image of the Unseen God](#)

Image of the Unseen God

Colossians 1:15-20

♩ = ca. 108

F FM7/A B♭ B♭/D F Gm7 E/A B♭ B♭/D C7sus

1. Im - age of the un - seen God - Je - sus! Je - sus!
2. From and thro' and un - to You, Je - sus! Je - sus!
3. King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Je - sus! Je - sus!

F FM7/A B♭ Fadd9 F Gm7 E/A E/B♭ C7sus C7 F

Truth and Love and Liv - ing Word - Je - sus! Je - sus!
Life is flow - ing ev - er new, Je - sus! Je - sus!
Death and sin and pain no more, Je - sus! Je - sus!

F C7sus/G E/A F Gm7 B♭ E/A F C7sus/G E/A B♭ B♭M7 E/C C

Full - ness of un - bound - ed glo - ry! Hope and song and time - less sto - ry
Source and goal of all cre - a - tion! Here we join the grand o - va - tion
What a might - y re - sur - rec - tion! We Your Bride in Your per - fec - tion

F FM7/A B♭ Fadd9 F Gm7 E/A E/B♭ C7sus C7 C7sus

Shine their light on You a - lone, Je - sus! Je -
Swell - ing, ris - ing up to You, Je - sus! Je -
One with You for - ev - er - more, Je - sus! Je -

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COLOSSIANS 1
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Revelation 1:1-3

(NASB)

The Revelation of Jesus Christ,
which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants,
the things which must soon take place;
and He sent and communicated it
by His angel
to His bond-servant John,
who testified to the word of God and
to the testimony of Jesus Christ,
even to all that he saw.

Blessed is he who reads and
those who hear
the words of the prophecy, and
heed the things which are written in it;
for the time is near.

Urgent!

Reflection on Revelation 1:1-3

Our Sovereign God is calling us.
He is calling us to
 simple faith and
 complete obedience.
He is calling us to Himself.

To call us, He is using the very best of
 all He has and
 all He is.
He is calling us through the
 life,
 death,
 resurrection, and
 exaltation of His only Son, Jesus Christ.

The stakes are high.
Eternal life and eternal death
 hang in the balance for us.
No one knows when Christ will return and
 our decision will suddenly become irrevocable.
Life is uncertain
 for ourselves and
 for the loved ones
 for whom we deeply desire
 all the best.

The reward is great beyond our imagining.
The Father promises the fullness of Himself
 to those who answer the call.
He promises Jesus Christ –
 His life,
 His love,
 His holy perfection,
 His eternal glory.

The all-wise, all-loving Lord of all
begs us to give His call
 top priority
 right now.
We dare not ignore Him.

*We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard.
How shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? (Hebrews 2:1, 3, NIV)*

Hymn recording: [When Jesus Speaks](#)

When Jesus Speaks

TUNE: I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger

Dm Dm Dsus Dm Dm Gm/Bb

1. When Je - sus speaks, He speaks to per - sons, Each heart to heart and
 2. When Je - sus speaks, His word is pow - er, The Sword of Truth, a

Gm7/Bb Gm/Bb A7sus A7 Dm Dm Dsus Dm Dm

face to face - light. A word of peace, a word of chal - lenge,
 blaz - ing light. His word is bread and liv - ing wa - ter.

Dm Gm Gm7 Dm/A Am7 Dm F/C Bb F/Bb C9 C

A word of sin, a word of grace. When Je - sus speaks, His word is
 His word is fire. His word is life. When Je - sus speaks, His love is

F Bb F/Bb Gm9/Bb Gm/Bb A7sus A7 Dm

wis - dom. O hear it sound - ing in your soul! Your Lord is
 call - ing. O give your heart to noth - ing else! For when He

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 MUSIC: Traditional American Melody;
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WAYFARING STRANGER
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Dm

D sus Dm

Dm

Gm

Gm⁷A⁷ sus Am⁷

Dm

call - ing you to free - dom, To come and rest in His con - trol.
calls you from your com - forts, Your Sav - ior calls you to Him - self.

Revelation 1:4
(NIV)

John,
To the seven churches in the province of Asia:
Grace and peace to you from him
 who is, and
 who was, and
 who is to come, and
from the seven spirits before his throne,

Grace and Peace

Prayer Response to Revelation 1:4

Father, You are forever eager to pour out on me
Your grace,
the rich goodness and tender kindness that
I don't deserve and
can never deserve.

You are forever working,
forever reaching to fill me with
Your peace,
Your complete well-being.

You want to share with me and with all of us
the wholeness,
the harmony,
the uninterrupted, undiminished love that flows among
Father,
Son, and
Spirit.

This grace and peace pour from You,
who embrace
all time,
all being,
all past, present, and future
in Yourself,
perfect in power,
perfect in loving,
perfect in knowing.

You know me with an understanding that is
permeated with perfect love.

Father, today I receive
Your grace,
Your peace,
Your knowing,
Your all-encompassing embrace.

Hymn recording: [Holy Father, Only You](#)

Holy Father, Only You

John 4:34; 5:19, 30; 6:38; 14:10

♩ = 72

C^{7sus} C⁷ F A^{Am}_E E⁺ D^m B^b B^{b+} C⁷ C¹³ C⁷ F

1. Ho - ly Fa - ther, I de - sire On - ly You, on - ly You
 2. Ev - 'ry si - lence, ev - 'ry song, Liv - ing God, on - ly You;
 3. Lord, You see me as I am, Need - ing You, on - ly You,

C^{7sus} C⁷ F A^{Am}_E E⁺ D^m F^{add9}_A F_A G^{7sus} G¹³ G⁷_B C

Ev - 'ry mo - ment, ev - 'ry step, Ev - 'ry dream, all I do.
 Ev - 'ry shad - ow, ev - 'ry light, Ev - 'ry truth I pur - sue,
 With my fail - ures all ex - posed, With my weak - ness in view.

C^{7sus} C^{7sus}_{B^b} F_A C⁷_G F C_E C C⁷ C⁹ F B^b_F B^b F_C C

In the Spir - it of Christ I am emp - ty and trust - ing.
 Ev - 'ry bless - ing and joy, Ev - 'ry long - ing un - spok - en,
 As a child I look up, All at peace in Your prom - ise.

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 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven and Ken Bible

MINUET IN G
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C⁷_{sus} C⁷ F A^m E⁺ D^m B^b B^{b+} C⁷ C¹³ C⁷ F

Ho - ly Fa - ther, You are love. Hear my prayer: on - ly You.
 Ev - 'ry hun - ger, ev - 'ry hope, Lord of all, on - ly You.
 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Lov - ing Lord, Sov - 'reign God, on - ly You!

Worship in the Book of Revelation

*Reflection on Revelation 1:4-8, 17-18; 4:8-11; 5:8-14;
7:9-12; 11:15-17; 15:3-4; 16:5-7; 19:1-7; 22:13, 16*

The primary purpose of prophecy is not to give us a roadmap for the future but to give us God's perspective. Through prophecy, the reality of God shatters our false, materialistic view of life. Through prophecy, we see Him as the focus of our daily world and our eternal destiny.

As a book of prophecy, Revelation exalts God as the center of life, as its Beginning and end, its Source and Goal. Thus it is not surprising that such a God-centered book is permeated with worship and praise. Reading through its praise passages, several basic truths become clear:

1. Praise is a simple, honest acknowledgement that God is, and that He is who He says He is. Praise acknowledges God, what He has done, and what He is doing. We don't need advanced intelligence or complex reasoning to praise God. Praise is simple faith's response to God and the truth about Him:
 - God is the Creator. All that flows from Him.
 - God is eternal, enveloping all the past, present, and future.
 - God is the First and Last, the Beginning and the End and everything in-between. He is the All-in-all.
 - God is holy, both transcendent and pure.
 - God is our Redeemer. He saved us from sin through the death of His Son.
 - God is worthy of all worship, power, wisdom, riches, and glory.
 - In His own perfect time, God will re-assert His complete control over creation and will judge our world in righteousness.
2. As we focus on God, praise draws us deeper and deeper into His magnificence. Seeing God, we think and talk less about ourselves and more about Him.
3. Among those who know and trust God, praise is contagious. Praise often causes other believers to join in the praise. Praise spreads. Praise will crescendo until it envelops all creation (Revelation 5:8-14).

Do you long to praise God in a way that is pleasing to Him? Immerse yourself in the praise and worship of Revelation.

Hymn recording: [Revelation Worship](#)

Revelation Worship

TUNE: How Great Our Joy! (JUNGST)

*DIVISIONS OPTIONAL: Sing responsively, antiphonally, or all together
Revelation 1:4-8; 4:8-11; 5:8-14; 7:9-12; 11:15-17; 15:3-4; 16:5-7; 19:1-7

♩ = 76

**All*
 N.C. N.C. C F F G7 C Am Em7 F C

1. E - ter - nal God, Cre - a - tor Lord, Per - fect in pow'r, re -
 2. Wor - thy the Lamb for sin - ners slain! Emp - tied for us, You
 3. Sav - ior and Lord on heav - en's throne, Ho - ly and just, to

**Group 1* F FM7 G G7 C **Group 2* Am E E7 Am E7 Am

vered, a - dored, The First and Last, First and Last,
 rose to reign The King of Kings, King of Kings,
 You a - lone Be end - less praise, End - less praise.

**Group 1* Am G C **Group 2* Am G C **All* C G7 B C E7 F

Ho - ly God! Ho - ly God! Al - might - y Fa - ther,
 Lord of Lords, Lord of Lords! Al - might - y Fa - ther,
 Come and reign, Come and reign, Al - might - y Fa - ther,

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 MUSIC: Traditional German Melody; arr. by Hugo Jungst, ca. 1890

JUNGST
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Dm⁶ E E⁷ A^m C B^{°7}A^m E⁷ F Dm⁶ E E⁷ A^m



Sov - 'reign Son, Spir - it un - bound - ed, Three - in - one!
Sov - 'reign Son, Spir - it un - bound - ed, Three - in - one!
Sov - 'reign Son, Spir - it un - bound - ed, Three - in - one!



Revelation 1:5-8 (NRSV)

[Grace and peace from God the Father] and
from Jesus Christ,
 the faithful witness,
 the firstborn of the dead, and
 the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and
 freed us from our sins by his blood, and
 made us to be a kingdom,
 priests serving his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,”
says the Lord God,
 who is and
 who was and
 who is to come,
the Almighty.

Jesus Died, Risen, Lord of All

Reflection on Revelation 1:5-8

In my weakness,
in my ignorance,
through all my struggles and failures,
who always loves me?

Jesus died,
Jesus risen,
Jesus Lord of all.

Who eagerly, completely, forever forgives me
for all the awful things I have ever been and done?

Jesus died,
Jesus risen,
Jesus Lord of all.

Who delivers me from everything that oppresses and threatens me?

Jesus died,
Jesus risen,
Jesus Lord of all.

Who pours out on me and into me
all the fullness of the Father,
from whom all blessings flow?

Jesus died,
Jesus risen,
Jesus Lord of all.

Who leads me through all the unknowns of
this world and
the next?

Jesus died,
Jesus risen,
Jesus Lord of all.

Who encompasses in Himself
all time, all the past, present, and future?

Jesus died,
Jesus risen,
Jesus Lord of all.

Whom will I joyfully follow and trust,
love and worship
no matter what comes,
every day and forever?

Jesus died,
Jesus risen,
Jesus Lord of all.

Hymn recording: [Jesus, Living God!](#)

Jesus, Living God!

Colossians 1:15-20

♩ = 76

Cm Csus Gm/Bb Ab Fm/Ab Eb/G Fm7 Fm/Ab Gsus G/B G7/B

1. Who is He Robed in light, Ra - diant one at the
2. Who is He, Truth and grace, Peas - ant child in the
3. Who is He Lift - ed high, King of Kings at the

Cm Cm/Bb Ab Ab6 Eb/G Bb/D Eb Eb/D

Fa - ther's right? Hear Him speak. Life is born,
poor - est place? Self - less love, Spot - less Lamb,
Fa - ther's right? Lamb of God Reign - ing now!

Cm Fm7 Gsus G7sus Cm Gsus Gm Cm Cm Gm/add11 Gm/Bb Gm/Bb Gm/Bb

Gra - cious gift from our lov - ing Lord. It is Je - sus! It is
Dy - ing King and the Great I Am. It is Je - sus! It is
Lord of Lords! Ev - 'ry knee will bow! It is Je - sus! It is

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MUSIC: Ken Bible, based on a Traditional Folk Tune

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$A\flat M7$ $\frac{Cm}{G}$ $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ $Fm7$ $\frac{Cm}{E\flat}$ Fm^6 Fm $Gsus$ $\frac{Gsus}{F}$ $\frac{Gm}{F}$

Je - sus! He is life and light from the Fa - ther's heart. Lord Al -
 Je - sus! He is life and light from the Fa - ther's heart. Lord Al -
 Je - sus! He is life and light from the Fa - ther's heart. Lord Al -

$\frac{Cm}{E\flat}$ Fm^9 $\frac{Cm}{G}$ $\frac{Gsus}{A\flat}$ | 1, 2 Cm $\frac{Cm}{E\flat}$ Fm $\frac{Fm^6}{A\flat}$
rit.

might - y, Ho - ly, Je - sus, Liv - ing
 might - y, Ho - ly, Je - sus, Liv - ing
 might - y, Ho - ly, Je - sus, Liv - ing

Cuis. | 3 Cm $\frac{Cm}{E\flat}$ Fm Fm^6 C
rit.

God! God! Je - sus, Liv - ing God!
 God! God! Je - sus, Liv - ing God!

Revelation 1:9-20

(NASB)

I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things. As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches."

Christ Walks among Us

Reflection on Revelation 1:9-20

Jesus Christ is no longer the Galilean peasant,
the homeless teacher
wandering a small corner of the Roman empire.
He is the risen, ascended, glorified Christ
in all His natural splendor,
with all the radiance of the only-begotten Son of God.

He is robed as our Great High Priest.

His hair is gleaming white.

His eyes are like a blazing fire.

He sees everything as it truly is:

this world,
the Church,
our lives,
our desires.

He stands with feet like glowing bronze,

unshakable,
unstoppable.

His voice is like the thunder of a mighty waterfall.

He speaks with absolute, unquestionable authority.

His entire being radiates the splendor and power of heaven.

Right now this Christ is walking among us,

His Church.

He is seeing.

He is judging.

He is encouraging.

He is warning.

As He speaks,

I am comforted.
I am challenged.
I am humbled.
I am called.

I begin to see the Church...

His Church...

in a whole new light.

What is critical for us is not

our size,
our finances, or

our techniques for growth.
What is critical is
our living relationship with Him:
our love for Him,
our obedience to Him,
our faithfulness to Him,
our living, holy sacrifice to Him,
our incarnation of Him.

Speak, Lord Jesus.
We are listening.

Hymn recording: [The Glorified Christ \(AUSTRIAN HYMN\)](#)

The Glorified Christ

TUNE: Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him (AUSTRIAN HYMN)

Revelation 1:9-18

♩ = 84

E_b Bb^7_{sus} E_b Bb Bb^7 D E_b Bb^7 E_b A_b E_b Bb^7 E_b F_m C_m B_b
 E_b

1. Christ is come. His life is giv - en. Christ is ris - en from the dead.
 2. See our God! He walks a - mong us, Eyes a - blaze with ho - ly flame.

E_b Bb^7_{sus} E_b Bb Bb^7 D E_b Bb^7 E_b A_b E_b Bb^7 D E_b

Christ is King, our Lord as - cend - ed. Pow'r and glo - ry
 See Him clothed in end - less glo - ry, Not in rags as

F_m C_m B_b B_b E_b B_b Bb^7 F_m E_b B_b B_b B_b B_b

crown His head. First and Last, our Priest and Shep - herd,
 once He came. Hear His voice like roll - ing thun - der.

G_m F_m Bb^7 C_m F^7 B_b E_b G A_b E_b

Son of God and Son of Man; Grace and mer - cy,
 Truth is now His might - y sword. Trust His love. Em -

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 MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn

AUSTRIAN HYMN
 8.7.8.7.D.

Alt. Tunes: GLORIFIED CHRIST; EBENEZER

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$A\flat$ $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ $\frac{B\flat}{D}$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$ $\frac{B\flat^{13}}{A\flat}$ $\frac{E\flat}{G}$ $A\flat$ $\frac{E\flat}{B\flat}$ $\frac{G^m}{B\flat}$ $B\flat^7$ $E\flat$

truth and jus - tice, Life and death are in His hand.
 brace His wis - dom. Kneel, O earth! Re - ceive your Lord!

Centered on Jesus

Prayer Response to Revelation 2 & 3

Father, examine my desires.
Examine my hopes.
Examine my thoughts.
Examine my words.
Examine my habits and
 all my actions.
Examine each of my relationships.

Father, I long for You to find
 Your holy Son Jesus
 at the center of all these.

Examine our family.
Examine our Sunday School class.
Examine our local church.
Examine our association of churches.
Examine Your universal Church,
 for we are to be
 His Body and
 His Bride.

Merciful Father, may Jesus Christ be at the heart of
 all we are and
 all we do.

When the world listens to us,
 may they hear Jesus.

When they look at us,
 may they see Your
 holy,
 loving,
 energetic,
 self-sacrificing Son,
Jesus Christ.

Hymn recording: [One in Purpose, One in Passion \(PLEADING SAVIOR\)](#)

One in Purpose, One in Passion

TUNE: PLEADING SAVIOR

♩ = 84

F C^{7sus}F B^b F E/A B^bM7 C F C^{7sus}F B^b B^b/D E/C C F

1. One in pur - pose, one in pas - sion, One in heart with Je - sus Christ;
 2. One in heart when needs are cry - ing, Do - ing all His love de - mands,
 3. One in Christ with all God's chil - dren, One in hope and heart and voice,

F E/A B^b B^b/D F E/A B^bM7 C F B^b Gm7 E/C C^{7sus} C⁷ F

Blessed in Him be - yond all meas - ure, Filled with His a - bun - dant life;
 Pray - ing, trust - ing, giv - ing bold - ly, All He placed here in our hands.
 Lift - ing high our Fa - ther's glo - ry, Liv - ing love with ho - ly joy.

F C⁷/G E/A F B^b F E/C C F C⁷/G Fadd9 E/A B^b C^{7sus} C

One in Spir - it, one in pow - er, One in faith and sac - ri - fice,
 His com - pas - sion, His pro - vis - ion - Giv - ing is our Lord's de - light!
 One in pur - pose, one in pas - sion, One in death, and one in life,

F E/A B^b F E/A B^bM7 C F F⁷/A B^b B^b/D E/C C^{7sus}C⁷ F

One in suf - fring, one in glo - ry, We are one with Je - sus Christ.
 As we share His end - less trea - sure, We are one with Je - sus Christ.
 Earth and heav - en, now, for - ev - er, We are one with Je - sus Christ.

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: Leavitt's *The Christian Lyre*, 1830; arr. by Ken Bible

PLEADING SAVIOR
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Alt. Tunes: HYFRYDOL, NETTLETON, HYMN TO JOY, HOLY MANNA

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Revelation 2:1-4 (NIV)

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who
holds the seven stars in his right hand and
walks among the seven golden lampstands.

I know your deeds,
your hard work and
your perseverance.

I know that
you cannot tolerate wicked people, that
you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and
have found them false.

You have persevered and
have endured hardships for my name, and
have not grown weary.

Yet I hold this against you:
You have forsaken the love you had at first.”

Pursue Love

*Reflection on Revelation 2:1-4,
based on 1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:3; 14:1*

God is love, and
the surest mark of His children is love:
 true,
 active,
 self-sacrificing love.

Without love,
 the greatest spiritual gifts are meaningless.
Pursue love.

Without love,
 wisdom and knowledge are worthless.
Pursue love.

Without love,
 all our efforts,
 all our accomplishments are empty noise.
Pursue love.

Love is the most excellent way to live.
As we grasp for all the best of life,
we too often ignore its most precious possibility: a
 constant,
 personal,
 interactive,
 loving,
 transforming relationship with the Living God.
As we humbly receive His love,
 we love Him in return.
As we love Him,
 we grow in our love for His children.

In the beautiful, perfect Kingdom of our Father,
 love, not money,
 is the coin of the realm.
Love will never lose its value.
Pursue love.

Hymn recording: [Ever Full and Overflowing](#)

Ever Full and Overflowing

TUNE: When We All Get to Heaven, adapted

Psalm 36:5; Jeremiah 31:3; John 3:16; 14:21, 23; 17:20-26; 1 John 4:7-21

♩ = 88

C G7 D C Am F A G F Dm6 C E C Dm7 F C G7 B G7sus Am7

1. Ev - er full and o - ver - flow - ing From the depths of
 2. You are seek - ing all Your chil - dren. We the few are
 3. Ev - er full and o - ver - flow - ing Is the love we

G7 B G C C Dm7 C E F F#7

all You are, Love is spring - ing, ris - ing, bring - ing
 not e - nough. Make us, Lord, Your liv - ing mes - sage:
 now em - brace. In our liv - ing keep it grow - ing

C G Dm7 G G7 G9 G7 C F C C G C C E F

All the rich - es of Your heart. In Your love, O Bound - less
 You are mer - cy, You are love. In Your love, O Bound - less
 Past all bound - 'ries we have placed. In Your love, O Bound - less

WORDS: Ken Bible
 MUSIC: Emily D. Wilson and Ken Bible

AGAPE
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Alt. Tunes: BEACH SPRING, NETTLEON, RIPLEY, SATISFIED

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C G⁷/_C C G/_B Am D⁶ D⁷ G D⁷_{sus}/_A G⁷/_B G⁷_{sus}

Fa - ther, In Your love for Christ Your Son, In Your
 Fa - ther, In Your love for Christ Your Son, In Your
 Fa - ther, In Your love for Christ Your Son, In Your

E⁷/_{G#} E⁷ Am Am/_G F Dm⁷ C/_G G⁷_{sus} G⁷ C

un - ion we are fam - 'ly. In Your Spir - it we are one.
 un - ion we are fam - 'ly. In Your Spir - it we are one.
 un - ion we are fam - 'ly. In Your Spir - it we are one.

Revelation 2:4-7

(NRSV)

“But I have this against you,
that you have abandoned the love you had at first.
Remember then from what you have fallen;
repent, and
do the works you did at first.
If not, I will come to you and
remove your lampstand from its place,
unless you repent.

Yet this is to your credit:
you hate the works of the Nicolaitans,
which I also hate.

Let anyone who has an ear
listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
To everyone who conquers,
I will give permission to eat from the tree of life
that is in the paradise of God.”

Have You Lost Your First Love?

Reflection on Revelation 2:4-7

Nothing is as vital as having
a warm, active, loving, self-giving relationship
with God and
with His children.

Nothing!

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

And [Jesus] said to him,

*“You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart, and with
all your soul, and with
all your mind.”*

This is the great and foremost commandment.

The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

On these two commandments depend

the whole Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 22:36-40, NASB)

Has your relationship cooled?
Have you lost your first love?
Is your love for God and for others as
warm,
natural, and
joyful
as it was at the beginning?

If not, follow Christ’s own words for restoring your love:

Remember the way your love was at the beginning.

Realize how you’ve changed,
and not for the better.

Realize what you’ve lost.

Repent.

Admit that you have been wrong.

Focus on what *you* have done wrong,
not on what *they* have done wrong.

Ask forgiveness,
from God and
from the other people involved.

Commit to change, with God’s help.

Do the loving deeds you did at first.

Love is not an emotion,
to be chased like the wind.

Love is a decision.

Love is a commitment.

Love is action.

Do the loving deeds you did at the beginning, and
the emotion will return in its own time.

Love is the most excellent way to live.

Never let it slip away.

Treasure love.

Pursue love.

Hymn recording: [Daily Confession](#)

Daily Confession

TUNE: Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart

*Psalm 32:1; Daniel 2:31-33, 41-43; Ephesians 1:7;
Philippians 1:6; 3:12-14; Colossians 3:1-4; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:1-3*

D \flat
D \flat
 $\frac{F_m}{A\mathbb{b}}$
A $\mathbb{b}7$
A $\mathbb{b}7$
D \flat

1. My Lord, my God, the life I owe Is
 2. Your love is all a blazing fire. My
 3. I trust You, Lord, or so I claim When
 4. You show me deep and bound - less grace. You
 5. For - give, my Lord, and form in me The

A \mathbb{b}
 $\frac{A\mathbb{b}}{B\mathbb{b}}$
 $\frac{A\mathbb{b}7}{C}$
D \flat
G \mathbb{b}
G $\circ 7$
 $\frac{C}{G}$
G $\circ 7$

more than I can pay. My heart, my will are
 love, so small and cool. I deep - ly, tru - ly
 threats are far a - way, But faced with fear, my
 draw my thoughts a - bove. But still my shal - low,
 im - age of Your Son Till ho - ly, pa - tient

$\frac{D\mathbb{b}}{A\mathbb{b}}$
B $\mathbb{b}m$
 $\frac{G\mathbb{b}m}{B\mathbb{b}}$
 $\frac{D\mathbb{b}}{A\mathbb{b}}$
 $\frac{G\mathbb{b}}{A\mathbb{b}}$
 $\frac{F_m}{A\mathbb{b}}$
A $\mathbb{b}7$
D \flat

Yours a - lone. My feet are made of clay.
 want Your best But weak - ly play the fool.
 anx - ious heart A - ban - dons what I say.
 self - ish ways Ne - glect the ones You love.
 love com - pletes The beau - ty now be - gun.

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MUSIC: Ira D. Sankey

SOME SOUL
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Revelation 2:8-11

(NASB)

“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

The first and the last,
 who was dead, and
 has come to life,
says this:

‘I know your tribulation and
 your poverty
 (but you are rich), and
 the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and
 are not,
 but are a synagogue of Satan.

Do not fear what you are about to suffer.

Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison,
 so that you will be tested, and
 you will have tribulation for ten days.

Be faithful until death, and
 I will give you the crown of life.

He who has an ear,
 let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.”

Our Reality in Christ

Prayer Response to Revelation 2:8-11

Father, when we are like Your Son Jesus,
the world will treat us as it treated Him.

We will suffer as He suffered –
persecution,
need,
false accusations, and
death.

But Father, as You cared for Him,
now exalted to Your right hand,
You will care for us.

And just as we are sharing His sufferings,
we are sharing
His beautiful relationship with You and
His unending, unbounded life.

Though we suffer,
we need not fear suffering.

The worst our persecutors can do is to hasten
the inevitable death of this body and
our eternal reward.

They cannot touch our real life, which is
our life in You. (Matthew 10:26-31)

Though we may be poor in the passing goods of this world,
we are rich in Christ.

All things are His, and
all things are ours in Him. (1 Corinthians 3:21-23)

People may falsely accuse us.
Satan is the great accuser, and
his servants will do his work.

But Christ knows the truth, and
He is judge of all.

He has already declared us completely innocent. (Romans 8:31-39)

If He tarries in His coming,
this body will die.

But Christ is the One who died and rose again, and
His resurrection life is already pulsing through us.

Death cannot touch us.
We will rise in Him. (John 11:25-26)

In comfort or suffering,
 need or plenty,
 glory or shame,
 life or death,
we are rich, secure, eternally alive, and abundantly blessed
in You, Father,
through Jesus Christ Your Son.

Hymn recording: [Captives of Eternal Love](#)

Captives of Eternal Love

TUNE: The Cleansing Wave (KNAPP)

Psalm 116:15; Matthew 5:10-12; 16:24-27; John 4:34-36; 12:24;

Romans 8:35-39; Ephesians 5:8-10; Colossians 3:1-4; Hebrews 12:1-3; 1 Peter 2:11

♩ = 72

D D D F# G G D Bm7 Bm A⁷ sus A⁷

1. Though pass - ing thro' this dark - ened world, We're chil - dren of the Light.
 2. The fruit of all Your life and love Will come to those who reap.
 3. Through pain and sor - row, grief and death We more than o - ver - come.

G D D F# G E⁷ D⁶ D G M⁷ A⁷ D sus D
 A A A B C#

Though pres - sured and re - ject - ed here, We're pre - cious in Your sight.
 With joy, my Lord, we glad - ly sow The lives we can - not keep.
 We fix our eyes on Je - sus Christ, Your ris - en, reign - ing Son!

REFRAIN

D G G B G D G D A⁷ D G⁶ Bm F# Em⁷ A⁹ G D D

We walk be - low with hearts a - bove, The cap - tives of e - ter - nal love.

D G G B G D A⁷ D G⁶ Bm F# Em⁷ A⁹ A⁷ sus D

But by Your Spir - it show us how To love You ful - ly here and now.

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Revelation 2:12-17

(NIV)

“To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

These are the words of him who has
the sharp, double-edged sword.

I know where you live—
where Satan has his throne.

Yet you remain true to my name.

You did not renounce your faith in me,
not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness,
who was put to death in your city—
where Satan lives.

Nevertheless, I have a few things against you:

There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam,
who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they
ate food sacrificed to idols and
committed sexual immorality.

Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

Repent therefore!

Otherwise, I will soon come to you and
will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Whoever has ears,

let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

To the one who is victorious,

I will give some of the hidden manna.

I will also give that person a white stone

with a new name written on it,
known only to the one who receives it.”

A People of Truth

Reflection on Revelation 2:12-17

As human creatures, our ignorance runs deep.
There is so much we cannot know on our own.
Powerful spiritual beings can easily deceive us.
But we can know the truth,
 absolute and unchanging,
 through the Spirit of Jesus Christ living within us.

We spend so many of our words spouting what is
 trivial or
 self-serving.
Our speech can be so meaningless.
But we can speak the truth
 clearly and boldly
 as the Spirit of Truth speaks through us.

We are weak,
 and evil presses in from all around.
But we can live the truth
 consistently and
 courageously
as we simply trust the
 almighty,
 all-wise,
 all-loving Spirit of God.

Father, keep us true,
 each of us and all of us,
 individually and together.
Make us Your
 holy,
 faithful,
 loving people
through the indwelling Spirit of Christ.

Hymn recording: [We Will Be Your People](#)

We Will Be Your People

Joshua 24:15

♩ = 96

E \flat B \flat C \flat C \flat /B \flat A \flat A \flat /G F \flat m⁹ F \flat m⁷ B \flat B \flat /A \flat

1. We will be Your peo - ple- We have made the choice.
 2. We will be Your peo - ple, We will trust Your Word.
 3. We will be Your peo - ple; You will be our God.

G \flat m⁷ E \flat /G F \flat m⁷ B \flat ⁷ C \flat F \flat m/A \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat B \flat sub B \flat ⁷ E \flat

We will be Your Bod - y, Heart and soul and voice.
 Fear is not our mas - ter; Com - fort is not Lord.
 You will go be - fore us As we sow the Word.

C \flat /E \flat C \flat /D \flat C \flat A \flat m⁶ E \flat C \flat /E \flat C \flat /D \flat C \flat A \flat m⁶ E \flat

We will be Your pres - ence; We will be Your hands,
 We will lay be - hind us All that weighs us down,
 You will give a har - vest Time can - not des - troy.

E \flat /G A \flat B \flat /A \flat G \flat m⁷ E \flat /G A \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat sub B \flat ⁷ E \flat

Al - ways glad - ly giv - ing All that love de - mands.
 Run the race with cour - age Till we share Your crown.
 Plant - ing lives of serv - ice, We will reap Your joy.

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MUSIC: Chretien Urhan; arr. by Ken Bible

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Revelation 2:18-29

(NRSV)

“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:
These are the words of the Son of God,
who has eyes like a flame of fire, and
whose feet are like burnished bronze:

“I know your works —
your love, faith, service, and patient endurance.
I know that your last works are greater than the first.
But I have this against you:
you tolerate that woman Jezebel,
who calls herself a prophet and
is teaching and beguiling my servants to
practice fornication and to
eat food sacrificed to idols.
I gave her time to repent,
but she refuses to repent of her fornication.
Beware, I am throwing her on a bed, and
those who commit adultery with her I am throwing into great distress,
unless they repent of her doings;
and I will strike her children dead.
And all the churches will know that
I am the one who searches minds and hearts, and
I will give to each of you as your works deserve.
But to the rest of you in Thyatira,
who do not hold this teaching,
who have not learned what some call ‘the deep things of Satan,’
to you I say,
I do not lay on you any other burden;
only hold fast to what you have until I come.

To everyone who
conquers and
continues to do my works to the end,
I will give authority over the nations;
to rule them with an iron rod,
as when clay pots are shattered —
even as I also received authority from my Father.

To the one who conquers
I will also give the morning star.

Let anyone who has an ear
listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

Morning Star

Prayer Response to Revelation 2:18-29

Father, You are holy –
completely right,
always just,
pure from all sin.

We are weak and
engulfed by an evil world pressing in all around us,
with a wickedness both
brazen and
seductive.

Yet You call us to be holy as You are holy,
right now,
in this sinful place,
in all our weakness.

How, Father?

Your holy Son Jesus offers us His holiness –
Your holiness –
moment by moment,
need by need,
as we simply trust Him.

Does that make us perfect?
Certainly not.
But Holy Father, You always deliver everyone who
calls to You and
trusts You.

Always.
Everyone.

What is more, Father,
in this darkness,
with sin and death filling the night around us,
You have given us the Morning Star.
He has already risen in our hearts,
promising that a new, eternal day is about to dawn.
Soon sin and death will never again darken
our world or
our hearts.

He is shining in us and among us right now.

Praise to You, Father God!

Praise to You, Lord Jesus, the Light of the World!

Hymn recording: [Jesus, the Light of the World](#)

Jesus, the Light of the World

John 8:12; 2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 21:23

♩ = 100

E♭
A♭
E♭
B♭
G7
B
Cm
E♭
B♭
A♭
E♭
G

1. See the Bright and Morn - ing Star, Je - sus, the Light of the
 2. He's the Lamp that lights our way, Je - sus, the Light of the
 3. No more dark - ness, no more night- Je - sus, the Light of the

Fm
A♭
Fm7
A♭
B♭7
E♭
A♭
E♭
B♭
G7
B
Cm

World! He has ris - en in our hearts,
 World! Step by step and day by day-
 World! He will shine for - ev - er bright,

E♭
B♭
B♭7
Gm
B♭
B♭7
E♭
A♭
E♭
E♭

Je - sus, the Light of the World!
 Je - sus, the Light of the World!
 Je - sus, the Light of the World!

E♭
A♭
E♭
E♭
E♭
A♭
E♭
E♭
E♭
A♭
E♭
E♭

Refrain

Walk in the Light, beau - ti - ful Light; Come where His love and His

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 MUSIC: George D. Elderkin, arr. by Ken Bible

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Cm⁶ $\frac{Dm}{C}$ F⁷ B^{b7} E^b $\frac{Ab}{Eb}$ E^b $\frac{Fm}{Ab}$ A^b A^{o7}

mer - cy are bright. Shine all a - round us by day and by night,

$\frac{Eb}{Bb}$ B^{b7} $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ B^{b7} E^b $\frac{Ab}{Eb}$ E^b

Je - sus, the Light of the World.

Revelation 3:1-6

(NASB)

“To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

He who has
the seven Spirits of God and
the seven stars,

says this:

‘I know your deeds,
that you have a name that you are alive,
but you are dead.

Wake up, and
strengthen the things that remain,
which were about to die;

for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.

So remember what you have received and heard; and
keep it, and
repent.

Therefore if you do not wake up,
I will come like a thief, and
you will not know at what hour I will come to you.

But you have a few people in Sardis
who have not soiled their garments;
and they will walk with Me in white,
for they are worthy.

He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments;
and I will not erase his name from the book of life,
and I will confess his name
before My Father and
before His angels.

He who has an ear,
let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

The One Thing

Reflection on Revelation 3:1-6

As you respond to the various pressures around you
in all their variety,
as you decide how to spend
your time,
your energy,
your words,
your money,
your passion, and
your trust,
as your daily actions establish
what is truly important to you,
not what you claim to be important,
realize that in the end,
only one thing will matter.

Only one thing will decide
Your character,
Your identity,
Your influence,
Your peace,
Your eternity.

Only one thing will decide
who you have been here and
who you will be forever.

In the end, all that will matter is
Your relationship with me,
Your Creator,
Your Designer,
Your Father,
Your Savior,
Your only Source of life,
love,
rightness, and
joy.

Consider what you want from this life.
Consider who you want to be, and
choose wisely.

Hymn recording: [God Alone](#)

God Alone

Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34; Luke 10:25-28

♩ = 63

D D G D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em7 $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G⁶ A

1. God a - lone, my Lord Cre - a - tor, Spring from whom all be - ing
 2. God a - lone, each tho't with - in me, All my will and mind and
 3. God a - lone, Love O - ver - flow - ing, All I have and all I

D $\frac{D}{A}$ A⁷ D $\frac{D}{C}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ G F[#]m Bm⁷

flows, God my breath, my life, my Fa - ther, From Your
 heart, Longs to lift, and praise and love You With my
 am, All I dream and touch and man - age, All I

Em7 $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G⁶ A A⁷ D D $\frac{A^7}{E}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D G $\frac{G}{B}$

love my fu - ture grows. God a - lone, my great Re -
 life and all its art. God a - lone, this hu - man
 do and all I plan, All my wealth and words and

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D D A⁷ D G Em⁷ A sus A G GM⁷
 E F# A

deem - er, By Your heart and might - y hand I'm a -
 crea - ture, All You shaped and then re - stored, Ris - es
 ac - tions, Each to - mor - row now un - known, Lord, I

D D G G F#m Bm⁷ Em⁷ D G⁶ A A⁷ D
 C B

live and free and sing - ing As I near the prom - ised land.
 up to ful - ly wor - ship And to glo - ri - fy its Lord.
 glad - ly, whol - ly give them All for love of You a - lone!

Revelation 3:7-13

(NIV)

“To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is

holy and true, who

holds the key of David.

What he opens no one can shut, and

what he shuts no one can open.

I know your deeds.

See, I have placed before you an open door

that no one can shut.

I know that you have little strength, yet

you have kept my word and

have not denied my name.

I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan,

who claim to be Jews though they are not,

but are liars —

I will make them come and fall down at your feet and

acknowledge that I have loved you.

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently,

I will also keep you from the hour of trial

that is going to come on the whole world

to test the inhabitants of the earth.

I am coming soon.

Hold on to what you have,

so that no one will take your crown.

The one who is victorious

I will make a pillar in the temple of my God.

Never again will they leave it.

I will write on them

the name of my God and

the name of the city of my God,

the new Jerusalem,

which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and

I will also write on them my new name.

Whoever has ears,

let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Church, Follow Me

Reflection on Revelation 3:7-13

My Church,
I do not call you
to human success,
to fulfill grand ambitions, or
to make a great name for yourself.

I call you to a real, living relationship with Me.
Trust Me and
follow Me,
not just with your words,
but with your daily lives, with
every word you speak and
every decision you make.

During my earthly life, I focused on
saying what my Father told me to say and
doing what my Father showed me to do.
Keep your focus the same, and
you will be like Me.
People will see Me in you, and
they will know that you are mine.

As you follow Me,
my Father and I will claim you as Our very own.
We will write Our names on you for everyone to see.
You will belong to Us, and
you will be with Us
completely,
beautifully,
now and forever.

Church,
just follow Me.

Hymn recording: [We Fix Our Eyes on Jesus Christ](#)

We Fix Our Eyes on Jesus Christ

Hebrews 12:1-3

♩ = 84

Eb
Ab
Eb
Fm
Eb
Fm
Ab
Eb
Ab
Eb
Eb
Bbsus
F
Eb
G
Cm7
G
AbM7
Bb

1. We fix our eyes on Je - sus Christ, Our broth - er and our Lord,
 2. Sur - round - ed by His wit - ness - es, With Christ be - fore our eyes,
 3. We fix our eyes on Je - sus Christ And glad - ly share His cross.

Eb
Ab
Eb
Fm
Eb
Fm
Ab
Eb
Ab
Eb
Eb
Eb
Bb
Ebsus
Ab
Eb
G
Cm7
G
AbM7
Cm
Bbsus
Bb

Our Great High Priest and sac - ri - fice, Our cap - tain, shield, and sword.
 We throw a - side what weighs us down And run to gain the prize.
 We set our faith and hope on Him, En - dur - ing ev - 'ry loss.

Eb
Cm
Ab
Eb
G
AbM7
Bb
Gm
Cm
Eb
G
AbM7
Bbsus
Bb

He laid a - side His maj - es - ty, Was born to serve and die.
 What joy is ours in Je - sus Christ! We feast on Liv - ing Bread!
 O Liv - ing Lord, our Light, our Strength, Our Hope and Morn - ing Star,

Eb
Cm
Ab
Eb
G
AbM7
Bb
Eb
Cm
Cm7
AbM7
Fm7
Ab
Eb

Now reign - ing at the Fa - ther's right, The Son is lift - ed high!
 His light is shin - ing all a - round! His face is just a - head!
 We stand and greet e - ter - ni - ty Com - plete in all You are!

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Revelation 3:14-22

(NRSV)

“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

The words of the Amen,
the faithful and true witness,
the origin of God’s creation:

“I know your works;
you are neither cold nor hot.
I wish that you were either cold or hot.
So, because you are lukewarm, and
neither cold nor hot,
I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

For you say,
‘I am rich,
I have prospered, and
I need nothing.’

You do not realize that you are
wretched,
pitiable,
poor,
blind, and
naked.

Therefore I counsel you to buy from me
gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and
white robes to clothe you and
to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and
salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.

I reprove and discipline those whom I love.

Be earnest, therefore, and
repent.

Listen!

I am standing at the door,
knocking;
if you hear my voice and open the door,
I will come in to you and
eat with you, and
you with me.

To the one who conquers

I will give a place with me on my throne,
just as I myself conquered and
sat down with my Father on his throne.

Let anyone who has an ear
listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

Knocking

Prayer Response to Revelation 3:14-22

Jesus,
You come and offer me the boundless wealth of
all You have and
all You are,
yet I cling to my meager resources.

You ask to clothe me in Yourself, and
I angrily resist,
wrapping myself more tightly in my filthy rags.

You freely offer me Your wisdom, but
my ignorance feels so much
safer and
more familiar.

Despite all this,
You humbly stand at my door,
day after day,
need after need, and
simply knock.
Your only desire is to offer me Yourself:
Your ability for all my weakness,
Your beautiful purity for all my sin,
Your sight for my total blindness,
Your glory for my deep shame.

You have done all You can for me and
will always do all You can,
but my destiny depends on me trusting You enough to
invite You in.

Hymn recording: [Seeking Me](#)

Seeking Me

Jeremiah 7:13, 25; Revelation 3:20

Freely, don't rush ♩ = ca. 52

F6 C F6 C

G⁷_{sus} D C F6 G C

1. He ris - es ear - ly seek - ing me, Bear - ing gifts.
 2. He comes and stands out - side my heart With a gift.

G⁷_{sus} D C F6 G

He bows and looks in - to my face And hopes that I might look to
 It deep - ly shad - ows all His face- What gift would glow with love and

C Am E_m G

Him. pain? He longs to lift me in His
 Look there, and see it in His

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F E7 Am Am/G Am/F#

love, To let me look in - to His eyes, In - to His heart.
 eyes: It is His death; it is His life- It is Him - self.

G⁷_{sus}/D C F6 G sus G C

He ris - es ear - ly, seek - ing me- Seek - ing me.
 He ris - es ear - ly, seek - ing me- Seek - ing

2 Am Am/G F6 G C C

me. God of love, You're seek - ing me.