



Reflections

I only miss you when I'm breathing.

Jason Derulo

There are those who give joy, and that joy is their reward.

Kahlil Gibran, a Lebanese-American artist, poet, and writer

"Jim, darling," she cried, "don't look at me that way. I had my hair cut off and sold it because I couldn't have lived through Christmas without giving you a present. It'll grow out again - you won't mind, will you? I just had to do it."

O. Henry, "The Gift of the Magi"

Scripture

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed?’ ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Sermon

Jesus Said: Enter into the joy of your master

Paul Kim

Events & News

Family Festival – TODAY.

Join us today for a fun carnival with games, snacks, and prizes at 10:30 am on the basketball courts at Samohi or at 3:30 pm in the parking lot at St. John's. Everyone is welcome!

Looking for somewhere to serve on Thanksgiving Day?

Volunteer with Hope for LA partner, Faith in Christ Ministries, at their annual community Thanksgiving Day Celebration on November 24. Volunteers are needed for various shifts/opportunities. Email volunteer@hopeforla.org for more information.

Advent Readings – God with Us.

Starting next week, we invite you to participate in daily Advent readings & meditations, including church leaders' responses to scripture and what it means for God to be with us, through our app.

View all events on our app, at PacificCrossroads.org/Events, or in our events brochure available at the Connect Center.

Ministry Resources

Pastoral Care

Our pastoral care team is here to care for you if you are in a difficult place. Email pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org or call our office at 310.551.0081.

Celebrate Recovery

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives. Visit PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery.

Community Groups

Community Groups meet all around LA to know and care for one another and grow as followers of Jesus. Learn more and sign up for a CG in your neighborhood at PacificCrossroads.org/Community.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words: Robert Robinson; Music: American Folk Melody

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger
Bought me with His precious blood.
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove;
While the hope of endless glory,
Fills my heart with joy and love.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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Your Glory/Nothing but the Blood

Words and Music: Leslie Jordan

My life is Yours
And my hope is in You only
And my heart You hold
'Cause You made this sinner holy
Holy, holy

Chorus 'Cause Your glory is so beautiful
I fall onto my knees in awe
And the heartbeat of my life
Is to worship in Your light
'Cause Your glory is so beautiful
'Cause Your glory is so beautiful

Bridge Glory glory hallelujah
Jesus You are good

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Oh precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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What a Beautiful Name

Words and Music: Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord most high
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is
What a beautiful name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
 So Jesus You brought heaven down
 My sin was great Your love was greater
 What could separate us now?

What a wonderful name it is
 What a wonderful name it is
 The name of Jesus Christ my King
 What a wonderful name it is
 Nothing compares to this
 What a wonderful name it is
 The name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
 The veil tore before You
 You silence the boast of sin and grave
 The heavens are roaring
 The praise of Your glory
 For You are raised to life again
 You have no rival, You have no equal
 Now and forever, God You reign
 Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
 Yours is the name above all names

What a powerful name it is
 What a powerful name it is
 The name of Jesus Christ my King
 What a powerful name it is
 Nothing can stand against
 What a powerful name it is
 The name of Jesus

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Let Us Be Grateful (Hebrews 12:28-29)

Words and Music: Chris Weldon

Let us be grateful, let us be grateful
 For receiving a kingdom
 That cannot be shaken
 Thus let us offer, offer to God
 Acceptable worship with reverence and awe

Chorus For our God is a consuming fire (x2)

©Chris Weldon

One Thing

Words & Music: Aodhan King, Dylan Thomas, and Joel Houston

I tasted the world, seen more than enough
 It's promises fleeting.
 Of water and wine I emptied the cup
 And found myself wanting
 But there is a well that never runs dry
 The water of life, the blood of the Vine

Chorus And all I know is
 Everything I have
 Means nothing
 Jesus, if You're not my one thing
 Everything I need right now
 All I need is You right now

Just one thing I ask and this I will seek
 If only to know You, to be where You are
 And go where You lead My God, I will follow
 The things of this world, I've counted as loss
 I lay it all down to take up this cross

Bridge And I'll sing
 I want nothing but to know You
 And to be with You, my God
 And I'll sing
 And with everything within me
 I will worship you my God

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Musicians (9 am and 11 am)

- Gavin Salmon – Drums
- Brian Song – Bass
- Stephan Hovsepian – Mandolin/Violin
- Drew Park – Acoustic Guitar/Vocals
- Chris Weldon – Keys/Vocals
- Cassie Brandi – Vocals
- Nate Miller – Vocals

Musicians (5 pm)

- Gavin Salmon – Drums
- Stephan Hovsepian – Mandolin/Violin
- Anna Su – Acoustic Guitar/Vocals
- Chris Weldon – Keys/Vocals
- Cassie Brandi – Vocals
- Nate Miller – Vocals