
Song, Word, and Prayer

— *Calling Out to God in Light of the Assassination of Charlie Kirk* —

WELCOME

SING: Psalm 5 “Give Ear, O LORD” (Treasury 15)

WORD – Acts 7:55–8:4

7⁵⁵ [Stephen], being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, ⁵⁶ and said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; ⁵⁸ and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not charge them with this sin.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep. ⁸ ¹ Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. ³ As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison. ⁴ Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.

PRAYER

Great God and Father, receive into your presence with joy and glory the soul of our brother and your champion, Charlie Kirk. We praise you for the love, truth, and might you displayed in Charlie, and for all the hearts and minds you changed through him. Comfort and bless Charlie’s wife and children as only you can, and give them and us the same champion spirit you gave him. Let his death be like Stephen’s of old – may it not be the killing of truth’s flame, but the spreading of Kingdom fire here and throughout the world. We know this is according to your will, so we pray it boldly in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SING: Psalm 2 “Why Do the Heathen Nations”
(Treasury 5)

WORD – Hebrews 12:22–28

²² [Y]ou have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, ²⁶ whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.” ²⁷ Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

WORD – Exhortation

SING: Rise Again, Ye Lion-Hearted (Treasury 1024)

PRAYER

O LORD, our God, you blessed our nation so richly in its founding faith, its founding documents, and its promising opportunities. But now, we hardly recognize our nation as the same one you so blessed in its origins. Now a new, demonic faith vies for mastery, and has already claimed so many of our institutions and our citizens. And all of this happened on our watch – ours and our forefathers’. Our light has been dim and our salt tasteless, so we have squandered our heritage, instead of building on it. But you are the great God of all love and mercy, wisdom and power. You are the never-changing, never-failing, promise keeping God. From the ashes you have raised up your people again and again in the past. So raise us up again now, O LORD. Grant us repentance and revival,

wisdom and understanding, courage and might,
together with the joy of your salvation and all the
beauty of holiness it brings. Grant repentance and
faith to our nation and all nations. Declare jubilee
throughout the earth. Bring all the peoples
streaming into your church to learn of you, to serve
you, to rejoice in you. Let the knowledge of you, O
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, cover the earth as the
waters cover the sea. We pray boldly in Jesus'
name. Amen.

SING: Let God Arise in All His Might (Treasury 211)

SING: The Son of God Goes Forth to War (Treasury
1023)

BLESSING

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble; May
the name of the God of Jacob defend you; May he send
you help from the sanctuary, and strengthen you out of
Zion; May he remember all of your offerings, and
accept your worship. May he grant you according to
your hearts desire, and fulfill all your purposes. And
may you rejoice in his salvation and in the name of the
LORD your God always. *(Based on Psalm 20.1–5)*

RESPONSE – Psalm 98 – first verse

O sing a new song to the LORD,
For wonders He has done.
His right hand and His holy arm,
The victory have won!