

Central

10 October 2021

(StF) Singing the Faith
(SoF) Songs of Fellowship

Notices

A gathering prayer

Song (SoF) 2231

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXDGE_IRI0E

*Bless the Lord, O my soul;
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.*

Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman
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Offering

Prayers

Song (StF) 77

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7eZoibrmDik>

Give thanks to the Lord,
Our God and King:
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, Forever.*

Chris Tomlin
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Bible Reading

Mark 10:17-31 (New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised)

The Rich Man

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'" ²⁰ He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' ²⁹ Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

And now for a slightly different version in this drawn animation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsHTvUo8k0Q>

Reflection 1

Song (SoF) 2217

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xX-a_ibnHB0

A rich young man came to ask of Christ:
'Good Teacher, will You tell me,

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty
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Reflection 2

Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0VmpNq4IDg>

(Tune only KINGSFOLD)

'Come follow me, come follow fast,
and leave the rest behind,
reach after realms of mystery,
yes, seek and you will find'.
What holds us in this human realm?
What treasures keep us back
from giving all we have and are?
This confidence we lack!

The call had seemed impossible,
the problem was his wealth.
And we deflect the word of God
avoiding it by stealth.
Our legs are heavy, steps are slow,
it seems we cannot move.
The call to trusting seems absurd,
in things we cannot prove.

And so we stay with what is sure,
we cling to what is known,
and through our fear we lose our grip
on treasure we might own.
Then like that man we walk away,
each with a heavy heart,
or turn to follow in the way,
to make a brand-new start.

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Prayers of Intercession & Lord's Prayer

Song (StF) 462

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdFVsRAnA_o

Come with me, come wander,

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Blessing