

SENDING

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS – FamJam # 50

Verse 1

He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands.

Verse 2

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands.

Verse 3

He's got you and me, brother, in His hands
He's got you and me, sister, in His hands
He's got all of us here, in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands.

St. David



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GATHERING HYMN

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD – red book # 504

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod, and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

Verse 2

No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Verse 3

Though hordes of devils fill the land all threatening to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot over power us.
Let this world's tyrant rage, in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

Verse 4

God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honour, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord and Saviour:
open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us;
speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord we sing,
for the good news that you bring.

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REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS

JEREMIAH 31: 31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jr. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

PSALM 46

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

ROMANS 3: 19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

JOHN 8: 31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

COMMUNION

FOR BY GRACE– red book # 598

Verse 1
For by grace you have been saved
and even faith is not your own,
it's the gift of God for you
and not the works that you have done.
Don't let anybody boast,
for this is God's great gift.
Amen.

Verse 2
“So my grace is all sufficient
for each child who is my own,
for my strength is now made perfect
for each child who is my own.
When you're weak, then you are strong,
for this is God's great gift.”
Amen

Verse 3
So this weakness with contentment
I'll accept now in myself,
all my hardships, pains, and griefs
that still lie deep within myself.
When I'm weak, then I am strong,
for this is God's great gift.
Amen. Amen.

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OFFERTORY

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE – blue book # 418

Chorus

Draw the circle wide

Draw it wider still

Let this be our song,

no one stands alone, standing side by side.

Draw the circle wide

Verse 1

God the still-point of the circle,

'round whom all creation turns;

nothing lost, but held forever,

in God's gracious arms.

Chorus

Verse 2

Let our hearts touch far horizons,

so encompass great and small;

let our loving know no borders,

faithful to God's call.

Chorus

Verse 3

Let the dreams we dream be larger,

than we've ever dreamed before;

let the dream of Christ be in us,

open every door.

Chorus

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HYMN OF THE DAY

THAT PRICELESS GRACE – red book # 591

Verse 1

That priceless grace, that priceless grace,

that priceless grace, which gave me life:

Jesus' life is priceless grace.

That priceless grace is life for me.

Verse 2

That priceless blood, that priceless blood,

that priceless blood, was shed for me:

Jesus' blood is priceless grace.

That priceless grace is life for me.

Verse 3

That painful death, that painful death,

that painful death, took sins away:

Jesus' death is priceless grace.

That priceless grace is life for me.

verse 4

That precious word, that precious word,

that precious word, which brought me light:

Jesus' word is priceless grace.

That priceless grace is life for me.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Each petition will end with Forming and Reforming God, and you are invited to respond with "Please hear our prayer".

A brief silence is kept.

Gracious God, thank you for the faith and zeal of reformers who sought to recover or preserve the precious pearl of great price – the Gospel of salvation. Thank you for all the faithful people in every land and every age who have preferred nothing whatsoever to Christ Jesus. Keep us in their company, and keep our faith warm and pure through the life-giving fire of your Holy Spirit.

Forming and Reforming God Please hear our prayer

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your Church. Make it your holy habitation. Keep it steadfast in your Word. Strengthen it in the face of temptation. Reform and purify it from sin and error. In our Anglican and Lutheran prayer cycle, we pray for Archbishop Melissa Skelton, the clergy and people of the Diocese of New Westminster. The dean, council, and congregations of the Atlantic Conference of the Eastern Synod. Bestow on your church, throughout the world, your saving peace.

Forming and Reforming God Please hear our prayer

In this family of faith we give thanks for the courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who free us from sin and death. In our parish prayer cycle this week, we remember Nancy McKelvey; Diane Millar; Elaine Moll and George Wallace; Bev Morrison. Centered in your grace, unify us to the hope of the gospel.

Forming and Reforming God Please hear our prayer

We lift before you the needs of all whose lives are shaken and troubled by suffering of mind, body, or spirit – especially we remember Emily Patterson and family; Nancy Whittaker; George Anderson and family; Jim Fee; Nathan and family; Mary Manuge; for comfort and support for Leslie and her family; and for all those we also name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts [pause]. Be in their midst; bring them your saving help; say to them, 'be still and know that I am God'; and restore them all to health and hope, that they may proclaim the awesome things you have done.

Forming and Reforming God Please hear our prayer

Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give you thanks for the life of Reverend Robert (Bob) Sinclair. Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon him. [pause]. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church.

Forming and Reforming God Please hear our prayer

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your living arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.