

Revive Us Again

MEDIA SHOUT

WORSHIP LEADER:

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

CONGREGATION:

*Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.*

WORSHIP LEADER:

*Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his [a] ;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

CONGREGATION:

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.*

WORSHIP LEADER:

*For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

Praise To The Lord

Isaiah 29 reminds what hypocrisy looks like, and the offense that dead religion is to God - you know, of going through the motions, while the heart is napping. That's the perfect soil in which hypocrisy can grow, as the barnacles of doubt begin to collect.

Our prayer is that this service will awaken our spirits, and stir us from our slumber. Let's engage our hearts in a moment of silence, and let the Spirit speak to us.

PRAYER

We were once in darkness, but now we are light in the Lord. And the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth. We want to live that way, or for some of us, we want to want to live that way. This morning, Lord, wake us up to the glory and wonder of who you are. As we are reminded of what pleases you, give us resolve to live that way. We're lethargic, Lord. Shine on us, so that we leave here fully awake, prepared for anything that the world throws at us this week. In Jesus name, who ran the race of faith with great endurance we ask these things. Amen.

Shake This Place

What does a renewed life in Christ look like? What words would express THE IDEAL?

MEDIA SHOUT

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

When we are in need of renewal, how do we know? What hints does scripture give us that our spiritual zeal is flagging?

THE ALL-TOO-TRUE REALITY

MEDIA SHOUT

I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, 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 your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

Revelation 2:2-5

Come Thou Fount

READER 1

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

READER 2

Show us your unfailing love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

READER 3

I will listen to what God the LORD will say...

READER 1

.....He promises peace to his people, his saints...

READER 2

.....but let them not return to folly.

READER 3

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

READER 1

Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

Psalm 85:6-11

Lord Have Mercy

VERSE 1

**Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief
Renew the fire again**

CHORUS

**Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy**

Lord have mercy on me

O God, the Light of the heart that sees You,
The Life of the soul that loves You,
The Strength of the mind that seeks You:
May I ever continue to be steadfast in Your love.
Be the joy of my heart;
Take all of me to Yourself, and abide therein.

PRAYER OF AUGUSTINE

VERSE 2

**I have built an altar where I worship things of men
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions
Help me love You again**

CHORUS

**Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me**

The house of my soul is, I confess, too narrow for You.
Enlarge it that You may enter.
It is ruinous, but do repair it.
It has within it what must offend Your eyes;
I confess and know it,
But whose help shall I seek in cleansing it but Yours alone?

PRAYER OF AUGUSTINE

VERSE 3

**I have longed to know You and Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence
Your grace forever shining
Like a beacon in the night**

CHORUS

**Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy**

Lord have mercy on me

To You, O God, I cry urgently.
Cleanse me from secret faults.
Keep me from false pride and sensuality
That they not get dominion over me.

PRAYER OF AUGUSTINE

Who Is A God Like You?

OFFERING

When All Is Said And Done

SERMON

The Light Of The Lord

BENEDICTION

Fully Awake

"I want to see a focused vision of spiritual maturity -- the expansion of the soul is the best phrase I can use for it. That is, a renewed sense of the momentousness of being alive, the sheer bigness and awesomeness of being a human being alive in God's world with light, with grace, with wisdom, with responsibility, with biblical truth."

J. I. Packer, quoted in Christianity Today, 6 April 1998, page 40.