

## **Praise The King**

### **Verse 1**

*There's a reason why the curse of sin is broken  
There's a reason why the darkness runs from light  
There's a reason why we stand here now forgiven  
Jesus is alive!*

### **Verse 2**

*There's a reason why we are not overtaken  
There's a reason why we sing on through the night  
There's a reason why our hope remains eternal  
Jesus is alive!*

### **Chorus**

*Praise the King, He is risen! Praise the King, He's alive!  
Praise the King, death's defeated!  
Hallelujah, He's alive! Hallelujah, He's alive!*

### **Verse 3**

*There's a reason why our hearts can be courageous  
There's a reason why the dead are made alive  
There's a reason why we share His resurrection  
Jesus is alive!*

### **Bridge**

*The grave could not ignore it, When all of heaven's roaring  
Hell where is your victory? Death where is your sting?  
The world could not ignore it, When all the saints are roaring  
Hell where is your victory? Death where is your sting?*

## **Call to Worship & Lament**

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

**The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge**

**of his anointed.** Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

- **Psalm 28:7-9**

O Love beyond compare,

**You are good when you give and when you take away, when the sun shines upon us, and when the night gathers over us.** You have loved us before the foundation of the world, and in love you have redeemed our souls. You love us still, in spite of our hard hearts, ingratitude, and distrust.

**Your goodness has been with us during another year, leading us through a twisting wilderness, helping us to advance even in retreat, moving us forward even when we've been beaten back.**

Your goodness will be with us in the year ahead. So we hoist our sail and draw up anchor, with you as the blessed Pilot of our future just as you have been in years past.

**We praise you for veiling our eyes to the waters ahead. If you have appointed storms of tribulation, you will be with us in them. If we have to pass through tempests of persecution and temptation, we shall not drown.** If we are to die, we shall see your face all the sooner. If a painful end is to be our lot, grant us grace that our faith would not fail.

If we are to be cast aside from the service we love, we can make no stipulation. We ask only that you glorify yourself in us whether in comfort or trial, as chosen vessels always ready to be used by you.

**Amen.**

- **Adapted from *The Valley of Vision***

## ***It Is Well With My Soul***

### **Verse 1**

*When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll*

*Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well with my soul*

### **Verse 2**

*My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin, not in part, but the whole  
Was nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

### **Chorus**

*It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul*

### **Verse 3**

*Though Satan should buffet; Though trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul*

### **Verse 4**

*And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend  
Even so, it is well with my soul!*

## **Assurance**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

- **Psalm 32:1-2a, 10-11**

## **God Is For Us**

### **Verse 1**

*We won't fear battle, We won't fear the night  
We will walk the valley with you by our side*

*You will go before us, You will lead the way  
We have found a refuge only You can save*

### **Chorus**

*Sing with joy now our God is for us  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now no love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us*

### **Verse 2**

*Even when I stumble, Even when I fall  
Even when I turn back still Your love is sure*

*You will not abandon, You will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace*

### **Bridge**

*Neither height nor depth can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He who gave His Son to free us  
Holds me in His love*

## **Corporate Prayer**

## **Scripture Reading**

## **Sermon: Hebrews 12:1-3**

## **Goodness Love And Mercy**

### **Verse 1**

*Oh Lord, You're my Shepherd  
You make me lie in fields of green  
You lead me by the still waters  
You restore righteousness to me  
Though I walk through the valley  
I will fear no evil thing  
For You are with me and You comfort me*

### **Chorus**

*Surely goodness, love and mercy  
Will follow wherever I go  
Surely goodness, love and mercy  
Will follow wherever I go  
Surely goodness, love and mercy  
Will follow wherever I go*

### **Bridge**

*I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever*