



Gathering Song

Lift Every Voice and Sing – 183

God will take care of you

Jennifer Cook, soprano

1. Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain: God will take care of you, Through ev'ry day,
O'er all the way; He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce you path assail, God will take care of you.

Refrain

3. All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.

Refrain

4. No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon His breast, God will take care of you.

Refrain

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect of Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Scott Wesley Brown

More like you

Paul Davison, bass

Steve Proctor, guitar

Brian Sapp-Moore, piano and vocals

More like you, Jesus, more like you,
Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you.

Lord, you are my mercy, Lord, you are my grace,
All my deepest sins have for ever been erased.
Draw me in your presence, lead me in your ways,
I long to bring you glory in righteousness and praise.

More like you, Jesus, more like you,
Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you.

Lord, you are compassion, and never-ending love,
For you have redeemed me by your precious blood.

Create in me a clean heart, a spirit that is new,
The joy of my salvation is only found in you.

More like you, Jesus, more like you,
Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant –
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

Officiant and People

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.**
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.**

- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, ***
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; ***
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; ***
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, ***
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Nancy L.J. Cox

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Leader: Sisters and brothers, there's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea! Therefore let us come before our loving God, saying, "Hear us, we humbly pray; *Lord, help us.*"

Loving God, you have shown your Church such great mercy. Through the witness of your Church, may those beyond our walls also experience the goodness of your mercy. *Silence.*

Hear us, we humbly pray;

People: **Lord, help us.**

Leader: Lord of all peoples, you have created us to live together. Help us to see that our common life depends on each other's work and goodwill. Cause wars to cease and generosity to prevail. *Silence.*

Hear us, we humbly pray;

People: **Lord, help us.**

Leader: Abundant God, you make the earth bring forth good food. As you provided for the children of Israel, we pray you will also provide for all those suffering from famine or need. *Silence.*

Hear us, we humbly pray;

People: **Lord, help us.**

Leader: Caring God, how good and pleasant it is when your children live together in unity. Pour out a spirit of reconciliation in our community.

The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Hear us, we humbly pray;

People: **Lord, help us.**

Leader: Lord Christ, may those who call out to you in great faith find your heart open to the cries. We ask for healing for the sick and suffering, the desperate, and disturbed. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence*

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Hear us, we humbly pray;

People: **Lord, help us.**

Leader: God of blessing, bless your people with life forevermore. May the dying find comfort; may the dead rest in your peace. *Silence.*

Hear us, we humbly pray;

People: **Lord, help us.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Blessing

Closing Song

I will change your name

D.J. Butler

Paul Davison, bass

Steve Proctor, guitar

Brian Sapp-Moore, piano and vocals

I will change your name, you shall no longer be called
Wounded, outcast, lonely or afraid.

I will change your name, your new name shall be
Confidence, joyfulness, overcoming one.

Faithfulness, friend of God, one who seeks my face.

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Voluntary

arr. Matt Schinske

For the beauty of the earth

Jennifer Cook, piano

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Prayers for the Parish

We offer condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Dianne Gregory, sister of Anne Zimmerman, who entered into the Resurrection on Saturday, August 1.

Prayers have been requested for: Janice, Bruce, Sharon, Rebecca, Regina, Sheila, and Vicky

Carol Corbin requests prayers for her daughter Erin Corbin Hinckley, who is an RN on a post-surgery floor at Atrium Concord.

We offer special prayers for protection and strength for those working in healthcare. We pray for their beloved families and the difficult decisions that are being made as they navigate the tensions of work and home.

Giving

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