

Opening Song

Good God Almighty

Opening Chorus

Good God Almighty, I hope you'll find me praising your name no matter what comes.

- 1 I can't count the times I've called your name some broken night;
And you showed up and patched me up like you do every time. I get amnesia,
I forget that you keep coming around. Yeah, ain't no way you'll ever let me down.

Chorus

*Good God Almighty, I hope you'll find me
Praisin' your name no matter what comes.
'Cause I know where I'd be without your mercy,
So I keep praisin' your name at the top of my lungs.*

Bridge 1

Tell me, is He good? (He's good) Tell me, is He God? (He's God) He is Good God

Almighty.

- 2 You say your love goes on forever, that your mercy never stops. So why would I assume
You'd be somebody that you're not. Like sun in the morning, I know you're gonna be there
Every day. So what on earth could make me feel afraid? *(Repeat Chorus and Bridge 1)*

Bridge 2

*Praise him in the morning, praise him in the noontime,
Praise him when the sun goes down. Love him in the morning,
Love him in the noontime, love him when the sun goes down.*

Repeat Chorus and Bridge 1

Bridge 3

*Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime, Jesus when the sun goes down.
Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime, Jesus when the sun goes down.*

B Glover | D Crowder | Jeff Sojka | © 2021 9t One Songs | Ariose Music | Capitol CMG Genesis | Capitol CMG Paragon | Inot Music | sixsteps Music | Sojka Songs | CCLI License # 1877047

Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out a visitors' card from the pew rack in front of you and place it in an offering plate near a sanctuary exit.

- **Nursery and Sunday School:** Nursery care is available for children 3 and under throughout the worship service. Sunday School for age 4 through 12th grade begins after children's time.
- **GriefShare:** A special session of GriefShare for those dealing with the loss of a spouse is being held this Tuesday, from 6 - 7:30 pm in the church parlor. Register at rppcusa.org/events.
- **August Collection:** School supplies continue to be collected through August for donation to Chester East Eastside. Lists of requested items are on the Outreach bulletin board.
- **Prayer Ministry:** All are invited to join a ministry of prayer on Wednesdays at 1pm in the parlor. We pray for our church, the world, and for individual concerns.
- **ALPHA:** Alpha returns in September! On Alpha we quite literally set the table for our friends and newcomers to meet Jesus. Every Alpha session begins with a meal, because conversation happens best when we're around the table. At Alpha we have conversations about life, family and work before we begin sharing about faith. Listening to one another around the table demonstrates our love and sincere welcome of everyone. When listening precedes gospel sharing, guests have a safe space in which to hear the gospel message.

Opening Prayer

Song

Goodness of God

- 1 I love you, Lord. Oh, your mercy never fails me. All my days I've been held in your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus

*All my life you have been faithful. All my life you have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.*

- 2 I love your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, you are close like no other.
I've known you as a father, I've known you as a friend. I have lived in the goodness of God.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge (2x)

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me. With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give you everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Repeat Chorus

Ben Fielding | Brian Johnson | Ed Cash | Jason Ingram | Jenn Johnson | © 2018 Alletrop Music | SHOUT! Music Publishing Australia | Fellow Ships Music | So Essential Tunes | Bethel Music Publishing | CCLI License # 1877047

Children's Time

Dave Knox

Hymn #705

It is Well With My Soul

- 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."

Refrain

It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul). It is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul). It is well, it is well with my soul.

- 3 My sin O, the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul!
- 4 And, Lord, haste the day when the 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.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have called us to reflect the light of Christ in a world that often feels dark. But we confess that our faith sometimes falters. When pressures rise, we rely on our own strength. When the world confuses us, we turn to fear instead of faith. When we feel overwhelmed or knocked down, we forget that your power is made perfect in our weakness. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hope and strengthen our faith. Let your light shine through our cracks and imperfections, so that others may see Jesus in us and give glory to you.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Hymn #712

Be Still My Soul

- 1 Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide; In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heavenly Friend, through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- 2 Be still, my soul! Thy God doth undertake to guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
- 3 Be still, my soul! The hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! When change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at
last.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 13

- ¹ How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?
³ Look on me and answer, LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.
⁶ I will sing the LORD's praise, for he has been good to me.

Sermon: When God Feels Far Away

Pastor Thomas

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Song During Communion

Hold Onto Me

- 1 When the best of me is barely breathin', when I'm not somebody I believe in,
Hold on to me. When I miss the light the night has stolen,
When I'm slammin' all the doors you've opened, hold on to me.

Chorus

*Hold on to me when it's too dark to see You, when I am sure I have reached the end.
Hold on to me when I forget I need You. When I let go, hold me again.*

- 2 When I don't feel like I'm worth defending, when I'm tired of all my pretending hold on to me.
When I start to break in desperation, underneath the weight of expectation,
Hold on to me. Hold on to me.

Repeat Chorus

Ending

I could rest here in Your arms forever, 'cause I know nobody loves me better.
Hold on to me. Hold on to me.

L Daigle | P Duncan | P Mabury | © Centricity Music Publishing | Flychild Publishing | So Essential Tunes | CCLI License #1877047

Benediction

Closing Chorus

*Good God Almighty, I hope you'll find me praising your name no matter what comes.
'Cause I know where I'd be without your mercy, so I keep praisin your name at the top of my lungs.
Tell me, is He good? (He's good) Tell me, is He God? (He's God) He is Good God Almighty.
Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime, Jesus when the sun goes down.
Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime, Jesus when the sun goes down.*