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2nd Lent

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Hymns for the Day

My Lord What A Morning

Filled With The Spirit's Power

Blessed Jesus At Your Word

be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

17:6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.

17:2 And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous."

17:3 Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

17:4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

17:5 No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall

17:7 I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

17:15 God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.

17:16 I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Psalms 22:23-31

22:23 You who fear the LORD,
praise him! All you offspring of
Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe
of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**22:24 For he did not despise or
abhor the affliction of the
afflicted; he did not hide his
face from me, but heard when I
cried to him.**

22:25 From you comes my praise
in the great congregation; my
vows I will pay before those who
fear him.

**22:26 The poor shall eat and be
satisfied; those who seek him
shall praise the LORD. May
your hearts live forever!**

22:27 All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the
LORD; and all the families of the
nations shall worship before him.

**22:28 For dominion belongs to
the LORD, and he rules over
the nations.**

22:29 To him, indeed, shall all
who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go
down to the dust, and I shall live
for him.

**22:30 Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told
about the Lord,**

22:31 and proclaim his
deliverance to a people yet
unborn, saying that he has done
it.

Father, your tortured Son felt
abandoned, and cried out in
anguish from the cross, yet you
delivered him. He overcame the
bonds of death and rose in
triumph from the grave. Do not
hide your face from those who
cry out to you: feed the hungry,
strengthen the weak, and break
the chains of the oppressed, that
your people may rejoice in your
saving deeds. This we ask in the
name of Jesus Christ our
Saviour. **Amen**

Romans 4:13-25

4:13 For the promise that he
would inherit the world did not
come to Abraham or to his
descendants through the law but
through the righteousness of
faith.

4:14 If it is the adherents of the
law who are to be the heirs, faith
is null and the promise is void.

4:15 For the law brings wrath; but
where there is no law, neither is
there violation.

4:16 For this reason it depends
on faith, in order that the promise
may rest on grace and be
guaranteed to all his
descendants, not only to the
adherents of the law but also to
those who share the faith of
Abraham (for he is the father of
all of us,

4:17 as it is written, "I have made
you the father of many nations")

--in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

4:18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be."

4:19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

4:20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

4:21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

4:22 Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

4:23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone,

4:24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

4:25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Mark 8:31-38

8:31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

8:32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

8:33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

8:34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

8:35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

8:36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

8:37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

8:38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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