

Magnificent Marvelous Matchless Love

1. Magnificent marvelous matchless love
Too vast and astounding to tell
Forever existing in worlds above
Now offered and given to all
Oh fountain of beauty eternal
The Father the Spirit the Son
Sufficient and endlessly generous
Magnificent marvelous matchless love.
2. Creation is brimming with thankfulness
The mountains exultant they stand
The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness
All life is sustained by Your hand
You crown every meadow with color
You paint every shade in the sky
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of
Magnificent marvelous matchless love.

Chorus:

How great how sure
His love endures
Forevermore
Magnificent marvelous matchless love.

3. What grace that You entered our brokenness
You came in the fullness of time
How far we had fallen from righteousness
But not from the mercies of Christ
Your cross is our door to redemption
Your death is our fullness of life
That day how forgiveness flowed as a flood
Magnificent marvelous matchless love.

Bridge:

United in Your resurrection
You lift us to infinite heights
Could anything sever or take us from
Magnificent marvelous matchless love.

Confession: Psalm 146

In the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Praise the LORD! **Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in princes, **in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; **on that very day his plans perish.**

Don't pin your hopes on the genius of man.

His ultimate end is the same as ours, and he becomes once more like the dust from which we came.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, **whose hope is in the LORD his God,** who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; **who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free; **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; **the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD watches over the sojourners; **he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

Forgive us Lord for not doing all that we can to heal the wounds and mend the fractures of our disjointed world.

Forgive us for our obsessions that prevent us from seeing your truth.

Forgive us for not reaching out with compassion to the oppressed.

Forgive us for not being concerned for those who are lost and lonely.

For all of the faults of which we are aware and for those that we are not aware of grant us your forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. **Praise the LORD!**

ABSOLUTION

Romans 8:26–39 God's Everlasting Love

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And

he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13:31–33, & 44-52 Parables

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. 32 It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

33 He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. 48 When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." 52 And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Thy Strong Word

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee
While thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation,
Breathed thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hope confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
4. From the cross thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
5. Give us lips to sing thy glory,
Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats to shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

6. God the Father, light-creator,
To thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

Sermon: Breaking News! Matthew 13

Prayers

Holy Communion

Benediction

Hear The Call Of The Kingdom

1. Hear the call of the Kingdom,
Lift your eyes to the King.
Let His song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God, rich in mercy,
Came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.
2. Hear the call of the Kingdom
To be children of light,
With the mercy of heaven,
The humility of Christ;
Walking justly before Him,
Loving all that is right;
That the light of Christ may shine through us.

Chorus:

- King of heaven, we will answer the call;
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.
3. Hear the call of the Kingdom
To reach out to the lost;
With the Father's compassion,
In the wonder of the cross.
Bringing peace and forgiveness
And a hope yet to come,
Let the nations put their trust in Him.