

# **Welcome To Saint James**

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*A Celebration Of Word And Song*

## **Welcome**

**Revelation 22:12-13, 16** "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

### ***"Even So Come"***

All of creation, all of the earth  
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon  
Call back the sinner, wake up the saint  
Let every nation shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon

Lord Jesus, come  
Even so come  
Lord Jesus, come

There will be justice, all will be new  
Your name forever faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon  
(chorus)

Chorus:  
Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King  
We sing, even so come

So we wait, we wait for You  
God, we wait, You're coming soon  
(chorus)

**Psalms 30: 11-12** You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. Lord, my God, I will praise you forever.

### ***"Good God Almighty"***

Good God Almighty I hope You'll find me  
Praising Your name no matter what comes

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  
Praising Your name no matter what comes  
'Cause I know where I'd be Without Your mercy  
So I keep praising Your name at the top of my lungs  
Tell me is He good? He is good  
Tell me is He God? He is God  
He is Good God Almighty

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 be afraid?  
(chorus)

Praise Him in the morning Praise Him in the noon time  
Praise Him when the sun goes down  
Love Him in the morning Love Him in the noon time  
Love Him when the sun goes down  
(chorus)

Jesus in the morning  
Jesus in the noon time  
Jesus when the sun goes down  
Jesus in the morning  
Jesus in the noon time  
Jesus when the sun goes down

**\*We Pray for God's Mercy and Blessing**

Leader: *God, you love us and save us from our sin. You seek us and find us. You open our eyes so we can see our need for you. Because you are a God of grace, we can bring our prayers of confession before you.*

People: **We admit that we cannot see or comprehend your amazing love for all of mankind. You are at work in ways that are not visible or tangible. Forgive our sin.**

Leader: *You protect us in times of danger.*

People: **Your grace has brought us this far in life and we are confident that your grace will lead us through this life and into eternity.**

Leader: *You are a God who keeps your promises.*

People: **You forgive sin and bring abundant life to your people everywhere. Praise God! Amen!**

**Passing of the Peace**

**John 15: 14-17** You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

**Song: "No Greater Love"**

For the city, for the world we pray  
Let Your light shine down  
Come around and live in us  
For the close and the far away  
Everywhere You are  
Everywhere

Chorus:

And we lift high the banner of the cross  
There is no greater love than this, no love but this  
Jesus Christ, laid down His life for us  
There is no greater love than His, no love but His

To the city, to the world we go  
Set us free, heal the land  
You have promised, God, You can  
To the last and the least, we go  
Everywhere You are  
Everywhere  
(chorus)

In the poor, in the broken  
In the crowded city streets  
In the towers, in the money  
In the strong and in the weak  
In the orphans and the widows  
In the churches and the bars  
You are everywhere  
God, You are everywhere  
(chorus)

**Mark 2:15- 17** While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

**Song: "Broken Things"**

If grace was a kingdom I stopped at the gate  
Thinking I don't deserve to pass through  
After all the mistakes that I've made  
Oh but I heard a whisper as heaven bent down  
He said, "Child, don't you know that the first will be last  
And the last get a crown"

Chorus:

And now I'm just a beggar in the presence of the King  
I wish I could bring so much more  
But if it's true you use broken things then here I am Lord,  
I'm all Yours

The pages of history tell me it's true  
That it's never the perfect  
It's always the ones with the scars that you use  
It's the rebels and the prodigals  
It's the humble and the weak  
All the misfit heroes You chose  
Tell me there's hope for sinners like me  
(chorus)

Grace is a kingdom with gates open wide  
There's a seat on table just waiting for you  
So come on inside

### **\*Stating What We Believe**

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

### **Offering**

**Romans 8:14-17** For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

### ***Offertory Song: “Who You Say I Am”***

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?  
I was lost, but He brought me in  
Oh, His love for me  
Oh, His love for me

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me  
Yes, He died for me

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes I am

I am chosen, not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me  
I am who You say I am  
I am chosen, not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
I am who You say I am  
Yes, I am who You say I am

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes I am

### **Time of Prayers**

#### ***Prayers of the Day***

#### ***Lord's Prayer~***

*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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

**Luke 6:27-31**-“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

**Song: “The Jesus Way”**

If you curse me, then I will bless you  
If you hurt me, I will forgive  
And if you hate me, then I will love you  
I choose the Jesus way

If you're helpless, I will defend you  
And if you're burdened, I'll share the weight  
And if you're hopeless, then let me show you  
There's hope in the Jesus way

Chorus:  
I follow Jesus  
I follow Jesus  
He wore my sin, I'll gladly wear His name  
He is the treasure  
He is the answer  
Oh, I choose the Jesus way

If you strike me, I will embrace you  
And if you chain me, I'll sing His praise  
And if you kill me, my home is heaven  
For I choose the Jesus way  
(chorus)

**Benediction**

**Ezekiel 37: 9-10** Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

**Closing Song: “Rattle”**

Saturday was silent  
Surely it was through  
But since when has impossible  
Ever stopped You?  
Friday's disappointment  
Is Sunday's empty tomb  
Since when has impossible  
Ever stopped You?

Chorus:  
This is the sound of dry bones rattling  
This is the praise, make a dead man walk again  
Open the grave, I'm coming out  
I'm gonna live, gonna live again  
This is the sound of dry bones rattling, yeah

Pentecostal fire stirring something new  
You're not gonna run out of miracles anytime soon  
Yeah, resurrection power runs in my veins too and  
I believe there's another miracle here in this room  
(chorus)