

Largs Church of the Nazarene
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This is the day*
Les Garrett

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made
That the Lord has made
I will rejoice, I will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it
This is the day that the Lord has made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made

Hosanna (Praise is rising)†
Brenton Brown, Paul Baloche

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away (washed away)

Hosanna, hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

Hosanna, hosanna

All hail the power of Jesus' name
Edward Perronet, John Rippon, Oliver Holden

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all (repeat)

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all (repeat)

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all (repeat)

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all (repeat)

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Louisa M. R. Stead

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
And to take him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain]

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace. [Refrain]



1 Corinthians 1 (NRSV)

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness (*moria*) to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom (*sophia*) of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block (*skandalon*) to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Foolishness, Faith, and Fellowship (1 Corinthians 1)

- **Lent**

- **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

- **Foolishness**

- **Sophomore: wise fool**
 - *Sophia*: wisdom
 - *Moria*: foolishness
 - Philo-sophy: love of wisdom
 - **The Alexamenos graffito**

- **Faith**

- **John 2:13-22**
 - **"stumbling block" (1 Cor. 1 and Matt. 16: 21-23)**
 - *skandalon* and *God's Own Fool*

- **Fellowship**

One body: the body of Christ

One mind: the mind of Christ

One purpose: the message of the cross

God's Own Fool#

Michael Card

It seems I've imagined Him all of my life
 As the wisest of all of mankind
 But if God's holy wisdom is foolish to men
 He must have seemed out of His mind
 For even His family said He was mad
 And the priests said a demon's to blame
 But God in the form of this angry young man
 Could not have seemed perfectly sane

Refrain: When we in our foolishness thought we were wise
 He played the fool and He opened our eyes
 When we in our weakness believed we were strong
 He became helpless to show we were wrong
 And so we follow God's own fool
 For only the foolish can tell,
 Believe the unbelievable; come be a fool as well

So come lose your life for a carpenter's Son
 For a madman who died for a dream
 Then you'll have the faith
 His first followers had
 And you'll feel the weight of the beam
 So surrender the hunger to say you must know
 Have the courage to say I believe
 For the power of paradox opens your eyes
 And blinds those who say they can see [Refrain]

Doxology

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him all creatures here below
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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