

**Let Us**

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**Draw Near**





# The Mercy Seat

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- Exodus 25:17 -22 the cover of the Ark of the Covenant
- Heb – Kapporeth – from a root that means to cover or wipe away
- God says “I will meet you there.”
- Only high priest, once a year, for Yom Kippur
- But times have changed!!!



# Kyrie Eleison

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- Based on the “Jesus Prayer” the earliest recorded standard prayer in the history of the church, with evidence it was in use by approximately 400 AD
- Formally incorporated into the celebration of the Mass, where it was first sung, around 600 AD
- Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy



# Welcome to the Mercy Seat!

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- “The outward manifestation of pity; assumes need on the part of the one who receives it and resources adequate to meet the need on the part of the one who shows it.” – Vines Dictionary
- 4 But God, being **rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,** 5 even when we were dead [a]in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),



# Luke 18 – Lord Have Mercy

<sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

<sup>13</sup> “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’”

<sup>35</sup> As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup> When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. <sup>37</sup> They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” <sup>38</sup> He called out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”



# Powerful Punch

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- Most Powerful Prayer you can ever pray, and the simplest one
- Lord, Have Mercy on Me
- But it means, Lord please be moved by the depths of your love for me and **RELEASE ALL THE RESOURCES OF HEAVEN** to intervene on my behalf
- Perfect prayer to pray when you don't know what to say
- He will never, ever turn you away



# I'm With HIM!! – Hebrews 4

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- **14** Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our **confession**.
- **15** For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.

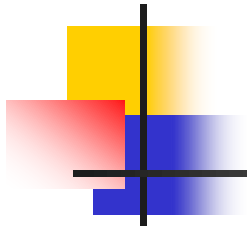




## Let Us Draw Near

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- **16** Therefore let us draw near with **confidence** to the throne of grace, so that we may receive **mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**
- **Don't hide or run away**



**LET US NOW DRAW NEAR  
TO THE MERCY SEAT, TO  
RECEIVE GRACE AND  
MERCY TO HELP IN OUR  
TIME OF NEED**



# Westminster Shorter

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- Compiled around 1646 by leaders of the Church of Scotland in hopes of aligning more closely with the Church of England
- Focused on teaching children the basics of Christian faith
- Over 100 individual points and principles
- Here is the very first one

• MAN'S CHIEF END. •

IS TO

GLORIFY GOD

AND TO

• ENJOY HIM FOREVER. •



# John 15:8-9-Glorify God

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■ **8** My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and *so* [a]prove to be My disciples. **9** Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. **10** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

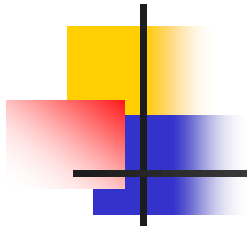
■ **JOHN 13:34** "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."



# Enjoy Him FOREVER

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- Not serve Him or study Him or fear Him or try to impress Him
- ENJOY HIM!!!
- Here is a very important question:
- Did you ENJOY Him this week? Hanging out with Him, drawing near to Him with confidence, knowing you could be 100% yourself and be safe and welcomed and heard and accepted and in all things receive the help and mercy you need?





# Good News, YOU ARE

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- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY