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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

“For every one look you take at your sin, take ten looks at Jesus.” Robert Murray M’Cheyne spoke these words to his congregation in Scotland in the early 1800s. We do well to heed M’Cheyne’s counsel as we confess our sins to the Lord today and experience anew the assurance of forgiveness.

The regular discipline of confession enables us to grasp more fully the beauty and wonder of grace as we are made continually aware of the depth of our need of the Gospel. We often include a written prayer of confession as a tool to facilitate an honest and thorough confession of our personal sins to the Lord.

Our time of confession should never lead to despair, but always to joy, since our God is one who pardons iniquity, delights in mercy, and casts our sins into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:18-19).

One of the high moments of our worship service occurs when we hear one of our pastors say during the assurance of pardon: “If your faith is in Jesus Christ this morning, then I can assure you, based on the sure promise of the Word, that your sins are forgiven.” Oh what a blessing it is to know that we are completely forgiven, totally accepted, and deeply loved by our Lord!

REJOICE IN CHRIST’S REIGN

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Trumpet Tune” Frederick Swann
Samuel Metzger, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: “All Earth Rejoice with Gladsome Voice” Antonio Vivaldi
All the earth rejoice with a gladsome voice; sing we now alleluia.
Praise the Lord. Rejoice and sing. Sing alleluia, sing, for Christ is ris’n!
*The Youth Choir
Ginger Statom, Director
Clay Hancock, violin*

CALL TO WORSHIP T. Barton Kimbro

◆HYMN OF CHRIST’S REIGN: No. 310 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” DARWALL
stanzas 1-4

◆PSALTER LESSON: selections from Psalm 33 Alyssa Champion (8:15)
Blanche Tosh (11:00)

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;

**make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**

For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.

**He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

**For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.**

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

**The counsel of the Lord stands forever,
the plans of his heart to all generations.**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

**Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.**

For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

**Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DARWALL

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

REJOICE IN CHRIST’S LOVE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**King Jesus,
Your Word summons us to rejoice in You always
by granting You the unrivaled supremacy of our hearts.
We confess that our hearts perpetually produce idols
that cause bondage and misery.
Forgive the divided loyalty of our hearts
and our inclination to think that other things
and other people are indispensable to our happiness.
Pardon all that clutters our lives
and enable us to behold Your beauty in such a way
that we find our greatest delight in You —
our merciful Savior and glorious King, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE MARION

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

**With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

**Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as ye go,
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Gerry A. Peak

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "And the Father Will Dance" Mark Hayes
Text from Zephaniah 3:14, 17; Psalm 34:2, 4

And the Father will dance over you in joy!
He will take delight in whom He loves.
Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of God?
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!
And He will joy over you in song.

My soul will make its boast in God, for He has answered all my cries,
His faithfulness in me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.
Awake my soul! Awake, my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God!

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!
Cast away fear for you have been restored!
Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day.
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song!

And He will joy over you in song.
And the Father will dance over you in joy!
He will take delight in whom He loves.
Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of God?
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!
God rejoices over you in song!

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MARION

**Then on, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

REJOICE IN CHRIST'S WORDS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 6:41-59
(page 892 in the church Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *Eating the True Food* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠HYMN OF CHRIST'S LOVE: "The Power of the Cross"... Keith Getty, Stuart Townend



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day,
 2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
 3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
 4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
 quakes as its Mak - er bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
 for through Your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death,



torn and beat - en then nailed to a cross of wood.
 ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.
 dead are raised to life, "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
 life is mine to live won through Your self - less love!

Refrain



This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be - came sin for us, Took the
 This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be - came sin for us, Took the
 This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be - came sin for us, Took the
 This the pow'r of the cross, Son of God slain for us, What a



blame, bore the wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
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 blame, bore the wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 love, what a cost, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "O God Our Help in Ages Past"... Frederick Swann

♠Indicates congregation standing

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