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April 7, 2019 Season of Lent



Preparation for Worship

Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Our Hymn of Preparation today is "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" written by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. It is the last song of the Apostles Creed album which focuses on the basic tenets of the Christian faith outlined in the ancient creed.

As is true with all of the Getty hymns, the lyrics of "Holy Spirit" are theologically rich. It is as much an explanation of what Scripture states the Holy Spirit does as it is a prayer for utter dependence on the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The writers divided the hymn into three verses. The first expresses a prayer for inward change, asking the Holy Spirit to transform us from the core of our being. Without such change, all religious attempts are futile. We must daily ask for renewal and the desire to love and treasure God's word and his ways.

Verse two petitions the Spirit to abide in us so we're able to bountifully bear His fruit, such as the kindness and gentleness described so beautifully in Galatians 5:22-23. Closing this verse is a prayer "to show Christ in all I do."

Verse three is a more expansive prayer for the church. "During the songwriting process, we kept revisiting this verse as we examined the role of the Holy Spirit throughout the New Testament," Getty says. "In passage after passage, evidence of the Holy Spirit's power in someone's life was marked by two characteristics — Christ is magnified, and the individual is led on a path of sacrifice. Only through reaching the end of ourselves can we achieve a vibrant Christian witness."

As we enter worship today, may this song be the prayer of our hearts; submitting to and asking the Spirit to awaken us to the beauty of Jesus, to transform us into His glorious image, and to empower us to follow Christ zealously as His people!

ASCRIBE GLORY TO OUR KING

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"
INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: "Andante" from <i>Piano Concert No.</i> 2
CALL TO WORSHIP
'HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 101 "Come, Thou Almighty King"
INVOCATION (Please lift hands)

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Rejoice In The Lord!"..... Lloyd Larson

Words and Music: Lloyd Larson / Philippians 4:4

Rejoice! Rejoice in the Lord alway! Our God is true his steadfast love will keep you day by day. Rejoice! Rejoice in the Lord alway! Know that the Lord will faithfully direct your life each day.

The joy of God's own love finds hope beyond compare. The anxious times of life all fade within His care. The promise of His help sheds light upon the way.

Our trust now rests in Him. O help us, Lord, today. The perfect peace of God brings comfort to the weak. The tenderness of care is found by those who seek.

The fruit of quiet trust is strength to those who find;

The confidence of things seen through God's love divine.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice in the Lord alway!

Faithline Youth Choir Calvin Ellis, director

Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,

and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

♦GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen!

REST IN THE COMFORT OF OUR KING

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Father, in Your mercy hear our prayer.

We confess that it is still all too easy for us
to sacrifice Your call on our lives
for earthly ambitions, our convictions for convenience,
Your standards for status, Your principles for promotion,
and our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success.
How easily we are seduced by the promises of the world,
and how easily we cower because of our fear of men.
Forgive us for our half-hearted devotion
and our double-minded spirit.
Renew us, we pray, according to Your steadfast love.
Remind us of Your covenant faithfulness
and have mercy on us in the name of Jesus Christ.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

Words: Traditional Spiritual / Music: Traditional Spiritual; arr. Helvey / Isaiah 43:2

I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me.

All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me. In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me. When my heart within is aching, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me. And when the shades of life are falling, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

The Chancel Choir Calvin Ellis, director

 DOXOLOGY
 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

HEAR THE GOSPEL OF OUR KING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (please stand)

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:

earth, cause Your church

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

†HYMN OF PREPARATION:

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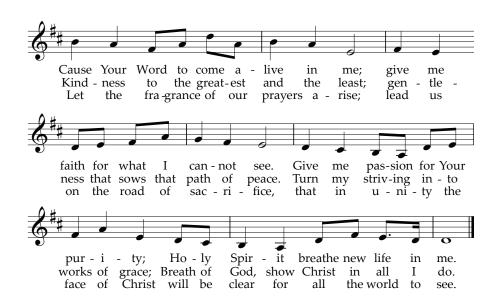
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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 3:1-9 (page 46 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON The Call George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 587 "Who Is on the Lord's Side?" . . . ARMAGEDDON Words: Frances Havergal | Music: German Melody; arr. Goss | Exodus 32:26

†BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata" from Suite Gothique Léon Boëllmann

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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