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August 18, 2019  
*Trinity Season*



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Each stanza in today's opening hymn, "Come Christians Join to Sing," begins with an exhortation to offer loud praises to Christ, our King. As we do every Lord's Day, we will sing praises to Him today through many of our favorite psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Have you ever wondered why singing is such a prominent feature in our worship services? We sing because it is the Lord's will and desire to receive praise from His people. However, there are many other reasons we worship Him through song:

- Singing our Lord's praise is a primary way that we enthrone Him in our hearts (Psalm 22:3).
- Singing serves as a means of proclaiming the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In singing, we commend to others the Jesus that we know and cherish ourselves (1 Corinthians 14:24-25).
- Singing enables us to savor God's Word and makes it more memorable and vivid. The Apostle Paul admonishes us: "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly ... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs..." (Colossians 3:16).
- Singing galvanizes us to trust God in the midst of trouble (e.g. Paul and Silas sing hymns in prison, Acts 16:25).
- Singing serves as a weapon when we are in the midst of spiritual conflict. Martin Luther claims, "The devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God."

Let us then answer the call of Psalm 95:1 and make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation and thank our God for who He is and for all that He has done to love and rescue us!

## LIFT YOUR VOICES TO THE LORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Emperor's Fanfare" . . . . . Antonio Soler  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: "Fantasy Piece No. 1" . . . . . Robert Schumann  
*Emily Hancock, clarinet*

CHORAL INTROIT: "My God, Accept My Heart This Day" . . . . . Howard Helvey  
*Words: Matthew Bridges / Music: arr. Howard Helvey / Psalm 119:10*

My God, accept my heart this day, and make it always Thine,  
That I from Thee no more may stray, no more from Thee decline.

*Ensemble  
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95: 1-3, 6 . . . . . Dan Burns

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 302 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" . . . . . MADRID

*Words: Christian Bateman / Music: Traditional Spanish Melody; arr. Metzger / Psalm 95:1*

✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

How is Christ our redeemer?

**As our redeemer, Christ is a prophet, priest, and king  
in both His humiliation and His exaltation.**

*This catechism will be the topic of the sermon this evening.*

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

"Lift High the Name of Jesus" . . . . . LIFT HIGH THE NAME OF JESUS

*Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Fionán de Barra, and Ed Cash / Philippians 2:9-11*

**Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.  
Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace.  
Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him.  
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.  
O sing, my soul, and tell all He's done,  
Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!**

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

*Bo Burnette Rhea, Jr., born March 5, 2019, son of Rebecca and Bo Rhea*

11:00

*Benjamin Fisher McGuirt, born January 24, 2019, son of Maureen and Jon McGuirt*

*Lucy Jane McGuirt, born November 3, 2016, daughter of Maureen and Jon McGuirt*

*Hunter Lee Vanderpool, born November 20, 2018, son of Emily and John Vanderpool*

*Ryan Brooks Wilson, born December 4, 2018, son of Tate and Webb Wilson*

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: "Jesus Loves You" . . . . . JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;  
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!  
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

REST ON THE MERCY LAP OF THE LORD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious Heavenly Father,  
we are sinners in Your sight;  
yet, in Christ, You have reconciled us to Yourself.  
Shamefully, we have experienced Your amazing grace toward us,  
but we have not loved You with our whole hearts  
nor our neighbors as ourselves.  
We confess that we often honor Your Son with our lips  
when our hearts are far from You.  
Forgive us for our hypocrisy and formality in religion.  
Forgive our neglect of Your Word, Your direction, and Your priorities.  
Forgive us for tolerating sin in the knowledge that grace abounds.  
The worship that You do not despise  
comes from a broken spirit and contrite heart.  
Therefore, according to Your steadfast love,  
wash us, cleanse us, and put new and right spirits within us  
that we may bring glory to Your name, through Jesus Christ we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... I Peter 2:24-25

*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.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Ubi Caritas" ..... Ola Gjeilo

*Music: Ola Gjeilo / Romans 12:9-21*

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.  
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Amen.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one.  
Where charity and love are, God is there.  
At the same time, therefore, are gathered into one. Amen.

✦DOXOLOGY..... TALLIS' CANON

**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.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING..... Brandon Terry

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

### ABIDE IN THE WORD OF THE LORD

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

“Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”. . . . . Boswell, Papa, Bleecker

Words and Music: Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker | Ephesians 1:3-10

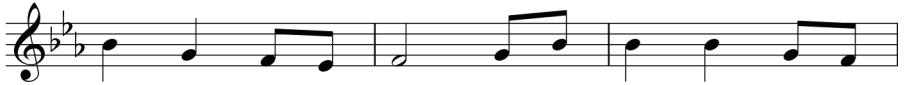
Justin Wadkins, soloist:

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry, in the dawning of the King.  
He, the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

✦ Congregation stands and sings:



2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t’ry, He, the  
3. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t’ry, Christ, the  
4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t’ry, slain by



per - fect Son of Man In His liv - ing, in His  
Lord up - on the tree. In the stead of ruined  
death, the God of life. But no grave could e’er re -



suf - f’ring, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.  
sin - ners, hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y.  
strain Him, praise the Lord. He is a - live.



See the true and bet - ter A - dam, come to  
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the  
What a fore - taste of de - liv - ’rance, how un -



save the hell - bound man. Christ, the great and  
Fa - ther’s plan un - fold. Bring - ing ma - ny  
wav - er - ing our hope. Christ, in pow - er,



sure ful - fill - ment of the law in Him we stand.  
sons to Glo - ry, grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.  
re - sur - rect - ed, as will we be when He comes.

SCRIPTURE LESSON . . . . . Exodus 7:14-24  
(page 49 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON

*Nothing Before Me*

George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 562 "All to Jesus I Surrender" . . . . . SURRENDER

*Words: Judson VanDeVenter / Music: Winfield Weedon / Mark 10:28*

✦BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata" from *Suite Gothique* . . . . . Léon Boëllmann

✦Indicates congregation standing

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**Nothing Before Me**

August 18, 2019

**I. The Lord** (*Exodus 7:14-19*)

**II. Our God** (*Exodus 7:23-24*)

**III. Redeemer** (*Exodus 7:20-22*)