

Sunday AM, 2/17/2019

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**\* PREPARING FOR WORSHIP \***

Reflection:

*From the Depths of Woe*

(Ps 130)

In creation, God shows us his hand;  
in salvation, his heart.  
~ Anonymous

Salvation is moving from living death  
to deathless life.  
~ Jack Odell

Gathering:

*I Know Not Why*

(2Ti 1:12)

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Greeting:

*In Christ Alone (Col 1:27; 1Co 15:1)*

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death -  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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**\* WORSHIP BY THE WORD \***

Call to worship:

(Mt 11:28-29)

Elder: Jesus calls you to come to Him, you who are tired and weary, weighed down in life, overloaded with heavy burdens.

Congregation: And He will give us rest.

Elder: He calls you to accept His yoke, to learn His gospel from Him. He is gentle and humble.

Congregation: And He will give our souls rest.

All: We've been called by our Savior, whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light. Let us praise His name.

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Hymn:

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God (Ps 95:6)*

I sing the' almighty pow'r of God,  
 That made the mountains rise,  
 That spread the flowing seas abroad,  
 And built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained,  
 the sun to rule the day;  
 The moon shines bright at His command  
 and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord  
 That filled the earth with food;  
 He formed the creatures with his word,  
 And then pronounced them good.  
 Lord! how Thy wonders are displayed  
 Where e're I turn mine eye!  
 If I survey the ground I tread,  
 Or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below  
 But makes Thy glories known;  
 And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
 By order from Your throne.  
 While all that borrows life from You  
 Is ever in Your care.  
 And everywhere that man can be,  
 You God are present there.

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Hymn:

*Like a River Glorious (Isa 66:12; Ps 37:24)*

Like a river glorious,  
 is God's perfect peace,  
 Over all victorious,  
 in its bright increase;  
 Perfect, yet it floweth  
 fuller every day,  
 Perfect, yet it groweth  
 deeper all the way.

(Refrain)

Stayed upon Jehovah,  
hearts are fully blest  
Finding, as He promised,  
perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow  
of His blessed hand,  
Never foe can follow,  
never traitor stand;  
Not a surge of worry,  
not a shade of care,  
Not a blast of hurry  
touch the spirit there.

(Refrain)

Stayed upon Jehovah,  
hearts are fully blest  
Finding, as He promised,  
perfect peace and rest.

Every joy or trial  
falleth from above,  
Traced upon our dial  
by the Sun of Love;  
We may trust Him fully,  
all for us to do;  
Those who trust Him wholly  
find Him wholly true.

(Refrain)

Stayed upon Jehovah,  
hearts are fully blest  
Finding, as He promised,  
perfect peace and rest.

(Prayer)

Scriptures:

(Ps 42:1-11; Eph 6:16-17)

(Ps 42:1-4) 1 To the choirmaster. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah. As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" 4 These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

(Ps 42:5-8) 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation 6 and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. 7 Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me. 8 By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

(Ps 42:9-11) 9 I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" 10 As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" 11 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

(Eph 6:16-17) 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

Prayer for belief:

(Jh 16:53)

(Prayer)

Sermon:

(Eph 6:14-15)

Focus: How does the helmet of salvation arm our life of faith (our Christ-reliance)?

Prayer for congregation:

(Jas 5:16)

(Prayer)

Song of thanks:

*We Fall Down (Rev 4:10)*

We fall down, we lay our crowns,  
at the feet of Jesus;

The greatness of, His mercy and love,  
at the feet of Jesus.

And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy",

And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lamb."

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**\* WORSHIP AT THE TABLE\***

Profession of Faith:

God's Law (WSC 39-42)

Elder: What does God require of man?

Congregation: God requires man to obey His revealed will.

Elder: What rules did God first reveal for man to obey?

Congregation: The rules He first revealed were the moral law.

Elder: Where is the moral law summarized?

Congregation: The moral law is summarized in the ten commandments.

Elder: What is the essence of the ten commandments?

Congregation: The essence of the ten commandments is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind, and to love everyone else as we love ourselves.

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Confession of sin:

(Psalm 25:7, 79:8-9)

All: Lord God, as stunning as it sounds to us, it is your glory to forgive and forget our sins. Whether they are foolish sins or deliberate sins, ones in our youth or our old age, because of Jesus, we ask your forgiveness. For the sake of your goodness and glory, forget our sins. Let your compassionate, steadfast love meet our need. For your own honor, in Your Son Jesus, cleanse us from the guilt of our sins, and give us more of Jesus' new life. Amen.

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Assurance of cleansing:

(Rom 8:33-34)

(Hear God's Assurance)

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Words of Promise:

(1Co 11:24b; 1Pe 2:22-25)

(Hear God's Promise)

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Prayer for Communion:

(Heb 10:23)

(Prayer)

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Hymn:

*Jesus, I Come (Isa 61:1)*

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant song,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
 Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
 Into the joy and light of Thy home,  
 Jesus, I come to Thee.  
 Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
 Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
 Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
 Jesus, I come to Thee.

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Hymn:

*Jesus Lives and So Shall I (1Co 15:55)*

Jesus lives, and so shall I.  
 Death! Thy sting is gone forever!  
 He who deigned for me to die,  
 Lives, the bands of death to sever.  
 He shall raise me from the dust.  
 Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives, and reigns supreme,  
 And, his kingdom still remaining,  
 I shall also be with him,  
 Ever living, ever reigning.  
 God has promised: be it must.  
 Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives, and by his grace,  
 Vict'ry o'er my passions giving,  
 I will cleanse my heart and ways,  
 Ever to his glory living.  
 Me he raises from the dust.  
 Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives, I know full well.  
 Nought from him my heart can sever.  
 Life nor death nor powers of hell,  
 Joy nor grief, hence forth forever.  
 None of all his saints is lost.  
 Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives, and death is now  
But my entrance into glory.  
Courage, then, my soul, for thou  
Hast a crown of life before thee;  
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just.  
Jesus is the Christian's Trust.

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Prayer of Thanks:

(Ps 30:2-5)

Prayer

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Benediction:

(Ps 42:11)

(Hear God's Blessing)