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Welcome!

God Bless You in Worship!

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"The Name of Jesus"

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING SONG OF PRAISE

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Boswell)

A mighty fortress is our God; a sword and shield victorious
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight
On earth he has no equal

No strength of ours can match his might; we would be lost rejected But now a champion comes to fight whom God Himself elected You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He Christ Jesus mighty Lord, God's only Son adored He holds the field victorious

Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us
We tremble not unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him

A mighty fortress! A rock unfailing! The King of glory, forever. Amen! For endless ages enthroned in praises The King of glory, forever. Amen! God's Word forever shall abide no thanks to foes who fear it For God Himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse Though life be wrenched away they cannot win the day The Kingdom's ours forever

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Repeat Bridge

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

A SONG FOR MEDITATION

"Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory, Pour out Your pow'r and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.

A READING *1 Peter 1:3-12*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. 12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

A TIME FOR MEDITATION ON GOD'S WORD

A READING

John 9:1-39

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." 10So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had

already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

A TIME FOR MEDITATION ON GOD'S WORD

A SONG FOR MEDITATION (cont.)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory, Pour out Your pow'r and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You REPEAT

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SONG OF THE DAY

"The Power of Your Love"

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me will be stripped away
By the power of Your love.

Hold me close, let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face.

The knowledge of Your love, as You live in me.

Lord, renew my mind, as Your will unfolds in my life
In living everyday, in the power of Your love.

Chorus

And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on, In the power of Your love.

THE BIBLE MESSAGE

"Unveiling the Truth"

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor will share the requests of God's people.

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

† THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER † THE PREFACE & SONG OF THANKSGIVING

"How Great is Our God"

Pastor: The splendor of the King clothed in majesty

Cong: Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice

Pastor: He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide

Cong: And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice

Pastor: How great is our God. Sing with me:

Cong: How great is our God And all will see how great, how great is our God

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. On the tree of the cross You gave salvation, that where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who by a tree once overcame likewise by a tree might be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we join in the eternal chorus and sing Your praises now and forever.

Pastor: And age to age He stands And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
Cong: The Godhead three in one: Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

Pastor: How great is our God. Sing with me:
Cong: How great is our God
And all will see how great, how great is our God

Everyone: Name above all names, worthy of all praise My heart will sing: how great is our God

Pastor: We bless Your name, Lord of heaven and earth, for, out of Your greatness, You have had mercy on us, Your children, and sent Your only begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Show us Your greatness once more, we pray. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts so that He may establish in us a living faith to joyfully receive Your abundant blessings, especially the very body and blood of Your Son Jesus that comes to us now for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Cong: Amen

Pastor: How great is our God. Sing with me:

Cong: How great is our God
And all will see how great, how great is our God
How great is our God. Sing with me:
How great is our God
And all will see how great, how great is our God

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
THE BLESSING & PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

Cong: Amen

THE CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

"Love Come Down"

I will sing forever of Your love come down
With my hands to heaven shout Your praises loud
I was lost in darkness when You pulled me out
I will sing forever of Your love come down

I once was blind I could not see chains of sin had shackled me But God in heaven heard my plea and Jesus, Jesus rescued me Oh, Jesus, Jesus rescued me

Chorus

Now grace so sweet it floods my soul and hope eternal won't let go My debt erased at Calvary 'cause Jesus, Jesus rescued me Oh, Jesus, Jesus rescued me

Chorus

Well there's a home beyond the sky a song we'll sing for all of time The grave is empty I am free Jesus, Jesus rescued me Oh, Jesus, Jesus rescued me

Chorus Twice

I will sing forever of Your love come down I will sing forever of Your love come down

Joy, Peace, and Love Live Here

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