
ORDER OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 7, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP

A Mighty Fortress

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient Foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

3. And though this world with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed,
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure,
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing;
Dost ask who that may be:
Christ Jesus it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His name,
from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

4. That word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever!

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Come Unto Jesus

1. Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary;
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy;
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

2. Joy of the comfortless, Light for the straying,
Hope of the penitent, Peace in our strife;
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying:
"My yoke is easy, my burden is light."

Chorus

Come unto Jesus,
Come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens, He is enough;
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

3. Come taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners;
Drink from the cup of His promise made sure.
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters;
Grace overflowing is yours evermore.
Chorus

4. Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking;
All that was gain, count as nothing but loss.
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading;
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross;
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross;
Life everlasting He offers to us.

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Come unto Jesus,
Come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens, He is enough;
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

Chorus
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Adapted from the Valley of Vision

Merciful Lord, Pardon all my sins of this day, week, year, all the sins of my life, sins of early, middle, and advanced years, of omission and commission, of morose, peevish and angry tempers, of lip, life and walk, of hard-heartedness, unbelief, presumption, pride, of unfaithfulness to the souls of men, of want of bold decision in the cause of Christ, of deficiency in outspoken zeal for His glory, of bringing dishonour upon Thy great name, of deception, injustice, untruthfulness in my dealings with others, of impurity in thought, word and deed, of covetousness, which is idolatry, of substance unduly hoarded, improvidently squandered, not consecrated to the glory of Thee, the great Giver; sins in private and in the family, in study and recreation, in the busy haunts of men, in the study of thy Word and in the neglect of it, in prayer irreverently offered and coldly withheld, in time misspent, in yielding to Satan's wiles, in opening my heart to his temptations, in being unwatchful when I know him nigh, in quenching the Holy Spirit; sins against light and knowledge, sins against conscience and the restraints of thy Spirit, sins against the law of eternal love. Pardon all my sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and not confessed, remembered or forgotten. Good Lord, hear; and hearing, forgive.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:10, 13-14

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. . . . ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 4:1-3

¹ What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

CONGREGATIONAL READING

Romans 5:1-5

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

SERMON “Abraham Justified By Faith”

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

SERMON NOTES

Sunday, January 7, 2024 | Bryan Rigg
“Abraham Justified By Faith” | Romans 4:1-3

Why Abraham?

Why Abraham by works?

Why Abraham by faith?

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

How Deep the Father's Love

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds, which mar the Chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold, the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life,
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection!
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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SONG OF REJOICING

Bless the Lord O My Soul (Psalm 103)

1. My God is slow to anger when I go astray.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
For all of my betrayals, He will not repay.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Through mercy and compassion His great love is proved;
He covers my transgressions like the snow.
As far as east from west are all my sins removed.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

2. He saved me from the pit when I had lost all hope.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
From endless springs of kindness all His blessings flow.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Our days will fade like flowers and are quickly spent,
And like the wind our years will come and go.
Everlasting favor is His covenant.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

3. Merciful and gracious is my God to me.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
And I will tell His goodness through eternity.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
And bless the Lord, you angels, all you heav'nly hosts
And every living creature here below.
Praise the Father, praise the Son, and Holy Ghost.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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People: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

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