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SONG OF PREPARATION

Jesus. Cast a Look on Me

Jesus, cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity, make me poor and keep me low, seeking only thee to know.

All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside. Bid my will to thine submit, lay me humbly at thy feet.

Make me like a little child, of my strength and wisdom spoiled, seeing only in thy light, walking only in thy might.

Leaning on thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest, feeling well the peace of God, flowing from his precious blood.

In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give. In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

All: In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. He is our God, and we are his people.

and the sheep of his hand.

Leader: Today, if you hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts!

Rather, guard your heart above all else!

Bring your whole self before the Lord, with confidence in Christ Jesus!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown, your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown. Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around your glorious throne, they raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

Hallelujah, glory be to our great God! Hallelujah, glory be to our great God!

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm; surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms.

Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm; rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird, let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth; let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe sing praises to the living God who rules them by his Word. Come, my soul with ev'ry care; Jesus loves to answer prayer. He himself bids you to pray and will never turn away. You are coming to a king, large petitions with you bring. For his grace and pow'r are such, none can ever ask too much.

With my burden I begin; Lord, remove this load of sin; let your blood for sinners spilt, set my conscience free from guilt. Lord, your rest to me impart; take possession of my heart. There your blood-bought right maintain and without a rival reign.

While I am a pilgrim here, let your love my spirit cheer.

As my Guide, my Guard, my Friend, lead me to my journey's end.

Show me what I am to do, ev'ry hour my strength renew.

I would have your will not mine, for it's perfect, good, and kind.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

All: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;

so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Silent confession of sin

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger,

abounding in love.

All: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us

according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his love for those who fear him.

All: God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son,

that whoever believes in him should not perish,

but have everlasting life in him.

Leader: Yes! He has removed our transgressions from us

as far as the east is from the west.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Time is filled with swift transition; naught of earth unmoved can stand. Build your hopes on things eternal; hold to God's unchanging hand.

Trust in him who will not leave you, whatsoever years may bring. If by earthly friends forsaken, still more closely to him cling.

Hold to God's unchanging hand; hold to God's unchanging hand. Build your hopes on things eternal; hold to God's unchanging hand.

Covet not this world's vain riches that so rapidly decay.
Seek to gain the heav'nly treasures; they will never pass away.

When your journey is completed, when the valley you pass through, fair and bright the home in glory your enraptured soul will view.

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 95:1, 3, 6-11

- ¹ Oh come, let us sing to Yahweh; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- ³ For Yahweh is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before Yahweh, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,

- ⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- ⁹ when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
- ¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways."
- ¹¹ Therefore I swore in my wrath,

"They shall not enter my rest."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 3:1-4:16

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³ For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,

[&]quot;Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸ do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness,

- ⁹ where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years.
- ¹⁰ Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.'
- ¹¹ As I swore in my wrath,

'They shall not enter my rest.'"

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵ As it is said,

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

¹⁶ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

4 Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

"As I swore in my wrath,

'They shall not enter my rest,'"

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." ⁵ And again in this passage he said,

"They shall not enter my rest."

⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already guoted,

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his

¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Robby Holt

Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at his voice, all creation rises to rejoice.

Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come, let us adore him. Behold our King, nothing can compare, come. let us adore him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon his hand, bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever! (Let your glory fill the earth!)

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