



NORTH SHORE  
*Fellowship*

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SONG OF PREPARATION

For All the Saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, allelu...

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, allelu...

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, allelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia, allelu...

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia, allelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, alleluia!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,  
Jesus, the Son of God!

**All: Let us, therefore, hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted as we are in every way, yet without sin.**

Leader: Let us then draw near to the throne of grace in and with  
Christ-Our-Confidence!

**All: Let us draw near that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### SONGS OF PRAISE

### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Oh, our Lord; oh, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth.

We behold the breaking dawn,  
the light that shines over everyone,  
we look to you, we long for you, oh Lord.

We behold the rising sun,  
the earth awakes, your hope has come,  
we look to you, we long for you, oh Lord.

We behold the falling rain,  
like waters rise, flood this place,  
we reach for you, we cling to you, oh Lord.

Oh, your name is a light in the darkness,  
oh, your name is the word of truth;  
oh, your name, oh, your name.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**All:** 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, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning,  
as it is now, and evermore shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

All: **No creature is hidden from his sight. We are all fully visible, utterly exposed to the eyes of the One to whom we must give account.**

*Silent confession of sin*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: By the blood of Jesus, we have confidence to enter the holy places!

All: **Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us keep drawing near with a true heart and full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.**

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

Only Ever Always

Draw me out with the morning stars, wake me up with beauty.  
Sprout a daisy in the yard, ev'ry day remind me.

In your love we are satisfied, only ever always.  
In the morning, in the night, only ever always.

You wrote the song that is in our hearts, a song of joy and wonder.  
Ev'ry day is a brand new start. His love, it makes us younger.

See the beauty of the Lord as the sun expires.  
In one day or a thousand years, his love, it never tires.

You're strong enough to take it slow: the sun, the moon, so patient.  
We wait, we see your mercy flow to ev'ry tribe and nation.

## PRAYER

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**      **Proverbs 11:30; 12:1, 5, 15, 17-18, 25-26; 13:1**

<sup>30</sup> The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,  
and whoever captures souls is wise.

<sup>12</sup> Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,  
but he who hates reproof is stupid.

<sup>5</sup> The thoughts of the righteous are just;  
the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.

<sup>15</sup> The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,  
but a wise man listens to advice.

<sup>17</sup> Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence,  
but a false witness utters deceit.

<sup>18</sup> There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,  
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

<sup>25</sup> Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down,  
but a good word makes him glad.

<sup>26</sup> One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor,  
but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

13 A wise son hears his father's instruction,  
but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 5:11–6:12

<sup>11</sup> About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. <sup>12</sup> For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, <sup>13</sup> for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. <sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

6 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup> and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup> And this we will do if God permits. <sup>4</sup> For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, <sup>6</sup> and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. <sup>7</sup> For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. <sup>8</sup> But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.

<sup>9</sup>Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. <sup>10</sup>For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. <sup>11</sup>And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, <sup>12</sup>so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Jason Hood

To thee I come a sinner poor and wait for mercy at thy door.  
 Indeed, I've nowhere else to flee. Oh God, be merciful to me!  
 To thee I come a sinner weak and scarce know how to pray or speak.  
 From fear and weakness set me free. Oh God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come a sinner vile, upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile.  
 Mercy through blood I make my plea. Oh God, be merciful to me!  
 To thee I come a sinner great and well thou knowest all my state.  
 Yet full forgiveness is with thee. Oh God, be merciful to me!

To thee I come a sinner lost nor have I aught wherein to trust.  
 But where thou art, Lord, I would be. Oh God, be merciful to me!  
 To glory bring me, Lord, at last and there when all my sins are passed,  
 with all the saints I'll then agree: Oh God was merciful to me!  
 Oh God was merciful to me!

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