



NORTH SHORE *Fellowship*

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SONG OF PREPARATION

Steadfast

I will build my house,
whether storm or drought,
on the rock that does not move.

I will set my hope
in your love, O Lord,
and your faithfulness will prove.

You are steadfast, steadfast.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

By the word, you spoke.
All the starry host
are called out by name each night.
In your watchful care,
I will rest secure
as you lead us with your light.

I will not trust in the strength of kings.
On your promise I will stand.
I will shout for joy; I will raise my voice.
Hallelujah to the Lamb!

In the moment of emptiness, all was fulfilled.
In the hour of darkness, your light was revealed.
In the presence of death, your life was affirmed.
In the absence of holiness, you are still God.

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, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
where your streams of abundance flow. Blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,
when I walk through the wilderness. Blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say....

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's all as it should be. Blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering. Blessed be your name.

You give and take away. You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be 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,
so 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

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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.

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.

I will not boast in anything - no gifts, no pow'rs, 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.

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 2:8, 15

⁸ And Yahweh God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

¹⁵ Yahweh God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

Exodus 19:20-22

²⁰ Yahweh came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And Yahweh called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. ²¹ And Yahweh said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to Yahweh to look and many of them perish. ²² Also let the priests who come near to Yahweh consecrate themselves, lest Yahweh break out against them."

⁸ "And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. ⁹ Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it."

⁴⁰ "And see that you make them after the pattern for them, which is being shown you on the mountain."

Exodus 40:34-35

³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of Yahweh filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of Yahweh filled the tabernacle.

1 Kings 8:6, 10, 12-13, 27

⁶ Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of Yahweh to its place in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the Most Holy Place, underneath the wings of the cherubim.

¹⁰ And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of Yahweh....

¹² Then Solomon said, "Yahweh has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.

¹³ I have indeed built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever."

²⁷ "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!"

Isaiah 11:9-10

⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yahweh
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

¹ Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. ² For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. ³ Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, ⁴ having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. ⁵ Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

⁶ These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, ⁷ but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. ⁸ By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing ⁹ (which is symbolic for the age then present). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, ¹⁰ but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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 babel
 This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
 'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied -
 for every 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 power of Christ in me.
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
 No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand.
 'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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