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At Home Bulletin

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 30

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Psalm 89:1-6

Tune: Ode to Joy

As With Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed,
there to bend the knee before him whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing alleluias to our King.

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Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinner Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

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GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

You shall have no other gods before me. *Exodus 20:3*

God of exodus and wilderness, God of refuge and help,
hear us now as we make our confession to you.

In times of temptation, we forget what you have done for us.

**You give us everything we need, yet we often remain unsatisfied;
and spoil what we have been given.**

**You show us the way we are to follow, yet we often continue on the path
of self-indulgence and self-centeredness. Forgive us, we pray.**

We ask for your direction, your patience, your love,

**in the name of Jesus Christ, who, in spite of his temptations,
was faithful to your saving Word.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of
woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons,
God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through
God.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Who were we?

For there is no distinction:

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have turned—every one—to his own way.

Who are we?

For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;

for the same Lord is Lord of all,

bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free,

there is no male and female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.

And if we are Christ's, then we are Abraham's offspring,

heirs according to promise.

Who will we be?

Behold! I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable,

and we shall be changed.

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.

He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,

and God himself will be with them as their God.

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,

for the former things have passed away.”

Adapted from Is 53; Rom 3; 10; I Cor 15; Rev 21

CHILDREN'S SERMON

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil: For yours is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song

The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue

Thy free grace alone from the first to the last

Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here

Sin would reduce me to utter despair

But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive

And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart

Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart

Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground

And weep for the praise of the mercy I found.

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own

And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son

All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine

Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-32

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Finding the Lost”

Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ.

HYMN OF SENDING

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro’ many dangers toils and snares, I have already come;
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’ve first begun.

Text: St. 1-5 John Newton, 1779; St. 6 A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790; Music: AMAZING GRACE C.M., A traditional American Melody, Arr. By Edwin O. Excell, 1900.

MERCY OFFERING

BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: *Finding the Lost*