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At Home Bulletin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringin; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

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Psalm 92

Tune: Rejoice the Lord is King

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God,
which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything
that the LORD your God has forbidden you. For the LORD your God
is a consuming fire, a jealous God. *Deuteronomy 4:23-24*

Lord of all the earth, strong and mighty above all.

**We confess that we have believed ourselves strong,
ignoring your help we so desperately need.**

**We have ignored the warnings of your word
and strayed into battle unawares.**

Forgives us our sins.

Forgive us for trusting untrue truths.

Forgive us for offering rags for righteousness.

**Forgive us for denying the peace of your gospel
by failing to proclaim the good news to ourselves and others.**

Forgive us for thinking we can save ourselves.

Forgive us for trusting our words and denying the power of your Word.

We cry out for your forgiveness.

We claim the white robes that are ours in Christ.

Guard our hearts and keep us from sin; help us stand firm for you.

From Ephesians 6

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Why do you need forgiveness and salvation?

None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

Is the Law able to save you?

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Where shall you turn for forgiveness and salvation?

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Who is this Jesus?

Christ Jesus was promised by God beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures. He was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead.

Based on Romans, 1:1-5, 3:9-20

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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

Whate'er God Ordains is Right

Whate'er my God ordains is right, Holy His will abideth.
I will be still whate'er He does and follow where He guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road. He holds me that I shall not fall
Wherefore to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me
He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me
I take, content, what He hath sent His hand can turn my griefs away
And patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup in drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking
My God is true, each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, here shall my stand be taken
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken
My Father's care is round me there, He holds me that I shall not fall
And so, to Him I leave it all.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:35-48

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Ready and Waiting”

Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. 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.

MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING

Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall you better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: Ready and Waiting