



**EAST
CHARLOTTE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

MAY 17TH, 2020



CLING
THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 135:3-4

"Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant. For the Lord has chosen Jacob to be his own, Israel to be his treasured possession."

SONGS OF PRAISE

COME YE SINNERS

J. Hart | M. S. Smith

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 till you're better / You will never come at all
Not the righteous, not the righteous / Sinners 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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

ERIC HAMPTON

Father God, against you and you only have we sinned. We lie and steal, covet and quarrel, stress and agonize during uncertain times such as these. So much of our life is spent in direct opposition to you and your Word. We strive to create of our own kingdoms, surrounding ourselves with idols that promote us, and glorify us, and praise us and what we have done. We fail to trust in you, in your Word, and in your plan and sovereignty in our lives. We join in the call of "Crucify Him" in defiance against you and are pierced to the core in guilt and shame as we hear our "mocking voice call out among the scoffers." Father forgive us and cleanse us for our lack of faith and trust in you and you alone.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LUKE 24:46-47

"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations."

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

I do not ask to see the way, My feet will have to tread;
But only that my soul may feed, Upon the living Bread.
'Tis better far that I should walk, By faith close to His side;
I may not know the way I go, But oh, I know my Guide.

chorus

*His love can never fail, His love can never fail,
My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail.
My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail.*

And if my feet would go astray, They cannot, for I know
That Jesus guides my falt'ring steps, As joyfully I go.
And tho' I may not see His face, My faith is strong and clear,
That in each hour of sore distress, My Savior will be near.

I will not fear, tho' darkness come, Abroad o'er all the land,
If I may only feel the touch, Of His own loving hand.
And tho' I tremble when I think, How weak I am, and frail,
My soul is satisfied to know, His love can never fail.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Jesus, I my cross have taken / All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken / Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition / All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition / God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me / They have left my Savior, too
Human hearts and looks deceive me / Thou art not, like them, untrue
O while Thou dost smile upon me / God of wisdom, love, and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me / Show Thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me / 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast
Life with trials hard may press me / Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me / While Thy love is left to me
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me / Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure / Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure / With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father / I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather / All must work for good to me

Soul, then know thy full salvation / Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station / Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee / Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee / Child of heaven, canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory / Armed by faith, and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee / God's own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission / Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition / Faith to sight, and prayer to praise

HIS LOVE CAN NEVER FAIL

E. S. Hall | C. Miner

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

H. Lyte | B. Moore

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

ERIC HAMPTON

Lord God, loving and compassionate Father, we fall in awe of your glory! With each day and each sunrise your glory is manifested for the world to witness and behold. How merciful are you to your people and how graciously do you provide for us. Each and every need is met completely and often lavishly by your merciful provision. We have roofs over our heads and food on our tables. We have jobs, family, community, the continued freedom to worship you: every necessity is met. We have hobbies and friends, recreation, and entertainment. But Lord we want more. We want what the culture says is acceptable and required if want to be happy, joyful, and fulfilled. We yearn for that next idol that has gained traction in our world and our lack of joy in it is suffocating us. We seek after the modern day golden calf and forsake you and your Church – the two most important commandments that you have given to us. Lord, forgive us for violating your law and yearning for the things of this world. Place our desires and affections solely on Christ and instill in us a contentment and peace for where you have placed us and the path that you have laid out for our feet. Develop in us an ever-growing desire and fixation on our heavenly citizenship and not the earthly one.

Father, as we virtually gather together on this Easter morning, we are struck with the depth of your love and compassion that was necessary for us to even have the ability to repent to you in that way and to have the blessed hope of communion with you. We are a rebellious and sinful people yet we are beautiful and wonderful solely because we are loved by you. Loved by you so much so that you decided before the dawn of time that you were willing to sacrifice your only Son as a ransom for a group of slaves, to have Him condescend to this place and walk amongst us, to ultimately be crucified for us and die so that we might be forgiven. Even more we are not left with the fear of Friday morning but we are overjoyed with the peace and assurance that comes with rising sun of this Sunday morning. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed and we have union with Him in your kingdom. “How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior’s love for me!”

During these times, there are still those that are need and we pray for them now. We as your people are facing financial strain as a result of the turbulence in our culture, loneliness and isolation, health and welfare limitations, fear, anxiety, and stress are often always surrounding us during these times. We especially continue to pray for Winston Dirks and the whole Dirks family. We pray that you continue to watch out over them as you patiently and lovingly care and heal Winston. Father, we ask that you meet us where we each are this morning. Place your loving hands around and let us know that you are with us and that you will never leave us nor forsake us. During these uncertain times have the truth of your word be the loudest and most real voice that we hear.

As such, we now pray for your servant Tyler as he is your mouthpiece this morning. We pray that his words would not be his own but yours and that they would be the very thing that our congregation desperately needs to hear. May your word pierce us to our core in such a way that no one will leave this place unchanged but will be forever impacted by your Word. In the name that is above all names, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

"HOW DELIGHT WORKS"
LUKE 12: 22-34

I. BIRDS

II. FLOWERS

III. TREASURE

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) How, specifically, will you go about being more playful while working? How do you foresee this making your work more excellent and enjoyable?
- 2) Have you ever exhausted yourself trying to get attention and approval?
- 3) What would it look like for you to truly accept God's lavish affection for you? Read Zephaniah 3:14-17 and ponder the implications for your life.
- 4) How, specifically, can you reflect and refract the love of God in the remainder of the month of May?

SONG OF RESPONSE

TRUST AND OBEY

J. Sammis | D. Towner

When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way
While we do His good will, He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey

chorus

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey*

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies
But His smile quickly drives it away
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear
Can abide while we trust and obey

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share
But our toil He doth richly repay
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross
But is blessed if we trust and obey

Then in fellowship sweet, we will sit at His feet
Or we'll walk by His side in the way
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go
Never fear, only trust and obey

BENEDICTION

HEBREWS 13:20–21

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

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