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WELCOME

"O COME TO THE ALTAR"

[Verse 1]

Are you hurting and broken within,
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?

Jesus is calling.

Have you come to the end of yourself,
Do you thirst for a drink from the well,

Jesus is calling.

[Chorus]

O come to—the altar
The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness—was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

[Verse 2]

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today there's no reason to wait.

Jesus is calling.

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy,
From the ashes a new life is born.

Jesus is calling.

[Chorus]x2

O come to—the altar
The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness—was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

[Bridge]x2

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

[Chorus]x2

O come to—the altar
The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness—was bought with
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CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: God calls us to faith and obedience. It is a constant struggle for us because what he asks we cannot do: "Be holy, for I the Lord your God, am holy" (Leviticus 19:2). But like sheep, we wander and find ourselves not living the way God has asked us. Let us take a moment of silence to privately confess our sins to God:

(silence for private confession and prayer)

Congregation: Heavenly Father, I have sinned against you in more ways than I can count. I have sinned in my thoughts, by my words and with my actions. There are times I have not forgiven as you have forgiven me. Forgive me for my sins, show mercy according to your unfailing love, and take away my guilt. Change my heart, oh God. Help me and give me strength to love like you.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

WL: God, our Heavenly Father, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in faithful love. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. May the God of hope fill you with the peace and joy that comes only through his forgiveness and give you his strength to live according to his will. Amen.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep.

¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

¹³ There above it stood the Lord, and he said:

“I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out

to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.”

¹⁷ He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.”

SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

“THE TALE OF PASSION”

[Verse 1]

These are the words that tell the tale
Of thorns that pierced his brow.
Guilt and shame, death and hell
Are the judge’s only grounds.
The case is built upon our sin,
Now let the trial begin.

[Verse 2]

They blamed the Christ for his claim,
“This is no son of God.”
Stripped, flogged, beat and maimed,
No one would spare the rod.
“The guilt is ours,” no one said,
But led him to the cross.

[Chorus]

Remind me of your passion;
Lift my eyes so you I see.
That crown of thorns they fashioned
Means a crown of life for me.

[Verse 3]

There he hung upon the tree,
Two convicts at his side.
This strange sight—this ‘victory’
Drew crowds to watch him die.
Once they praised, now they deride,
Spearing through his side.

[Verse 4]

If you think some sins hurt no one,
And live life ‘casually’,
Just take a look, what it has done:
Blood drips down the tree.

[Chorus]

Remind me of your passion;
Lift my eyes so you I see.
That crown of thorns they fashioned
Means a crown of life for me.

[Verse 5]

The trial’s done, God’s law fulfilled;
He paid for our release.
For our guilt and shame; death and hell
He trades eternal peace.
Lest we forget or sin with ease,
We ask you Savior please,

[Chorus]

Remind me of your passion;
Lift my eyes so you I see.
That crown of thorns they fashioned
Means a crown of life for me.

A crown of life for me.

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LENTEN VICTORY:
OVER 'ME'

based on Matthew 26:36-46

MATTHEW 26:36-46

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter.

⁴¹ "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners.

⁴⁶ Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

PRAYER

Following the prayer:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

“MY SAVIOR, MY GOD”

[Verse]

I am not skilled to understand:
What God has willed,
what God has planned.
I only know at his right hand
Stands one who is my savior

[Verse 2]

I take him at his word and deed.
Christ died to save me this I read,
And in my heart I find a need
For him to be my savior.

[Pre-Chorus]

That he would leave his place on high,
And come for sinful man to die.
You count it strange, so once did I—
Before I knew my savior

[Chorus]

My savior loves, my savior lives,
My savior's always there for me.
My God he was, my God he is,
My God he's always gonna be.

[Verse 3]

Yes, living, dying; let me bring
My strength, my solace from this spring.
That he who lives to be my king,
Once died to be my savior.

[Pre-Chorus]

[Chorus]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & BESSING

WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?

This playlist contains nearly every one of the songs that we use for contemporary worship over the year:

**Also, feel free to send song suggestions or recommendations to Staff Minister Kyle Heise 😊.*



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