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“WHITE AS SNOW”

[Verse 1] x2

Have mercy on me, oh God,
According to Your unfailing love;
According to your great compassion,
Blot out my transgressions.

[Chorus] x2

Would You cre--ate in me
A clean heart, Oh God;
Resto--re in me,
The joy of Your salvation.

[Verse 2] x2

The sacrifices of our God
Are a broken and contrite heart.
Against you and you alone have I sinned.

[Chorus] x2

Would You cre--ate in me
A clean heart, Oh God;
Resto--re in me,
The joy of Your salvation.

[Bridge]

Wash me white as snow
And I will be made whole
Wash me white as snow
And I will be made whole
Wash me white as snow
And I will be made whole
Wash me white as snow

[Chorus]

CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: Satan is maliciously creative as he tries to deceive us and lead us to sin. Consider the Garden of Eden. “Did God really say...”—he takes God’s own words and twists them into a different perspective, one which God did not intend, one which may lead us to feel we are fighting a losing battle. After Adam and Eve fell into sin; they started passing the blame to God. “The serpent deceived me, and I ate!” Satan twisted and warped the truth; and by doing so, also their minds. “The woman YOU put here with me gave it to me and I ate!” Adam and Eve became bitter and began seeing God as the enemy. Satan is still twisting the truth, is still trying to force us into giving up hope, but God tells us in Isaiah, “Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear” (Isaiah 65:64). In this sin-sick world, there are times we fall, where we are tempted to give up hope, but hearing that God knows us before we call on him encourages us to call on him all the more.

God wants us to come to him in prayer: “Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective” (James 5:13-16). So, let us do just that, confess our sins and receive the healing and comfort of hearing our sins forgiven:

Congregation: Lord, you have given me my body and soul, my eyes and ears, my mind and all my abilities. You have richly and daily provided all I need to support my body and life. Yet with all these blessings I have continued to sin—in thought, word, and deed. Lord, I pray that you have mercy on me. Not because I have earned it or deserved it, but because of your unfailing love and your Son Jesus. Assure me of the forgiveness of my sin. Take away my guilt. Renew me and grant me strength to continue running the race of life.

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.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

SECOND LESSON

Mark 3:20-35

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables:
"How can Satan drive out Satan?"

²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come.

²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house.

²⁸ "Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."

³⁰ He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."

³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

³³ "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

"GREAT ARE YOU LORD"

[Verse]

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

[Chorus]

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only.

[Verse]

[Chorus]

[Bridge] x3

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord.

[Chorus]x2

YOU ARE NOT FIGHTING A LOSING BATTLE

Message based on 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-18

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak,¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.

¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.
¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

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.

"YOU NEVER LET GO"

[Verse 1]

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
Even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near

[Bridge]

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

[Chorus]

Oh, no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh, no You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh, no You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

[Verse 2]

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart
that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end
to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

[Bridge]

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

[Chorus] x2

Oh, no You never let go
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ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING

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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