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“JESUS LOVES ME”

[Verse 1]

Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong
They are weak but he is strong.

[Chorus]

Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Allelu,
Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia.

[Verse 2]

Jesus loves me he who died
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He will wash away my sin.
Let his little child come in.

[Chorus]

[Verse 3]

Jesus loves me, he will stay
Close beside me all the way.
If I love him when I die,
He will Take me home on high.

[Chorus]

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Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: Today's theme is *Because Jesus Lives: I Have an Advocate*. Yet, you may wonder why we cannot just simply 'self-advocate.'

We know we are sinful, but perhaps you have had the experience that there simply was no other choice. Surely if we could explain it to God he would understand, right? Suppose we didn't know something we did was a sin, and if we did, we would never have done it. Certainly, we could clear up the confusion and God would understand! He does understand, but he understands that sin equals death, there are no exceptions.

We are not able to self-advocate. Our sin prevents us from doing so. Leviticus 5:17 says, "If anyone sins and does what is forbidden in any of the LORD's commands, even though they do not know it, they are guilty and will be held responsible." We need an advocate—one who fights for us on our behalf. That is why Jesus came, and that is exactly what he did. He intercedes for us. For each sin that is on our record, Jesus has said, "Those are my sins and I died for them." Because of what Jesus has done for us, our record is spotless before God. Our Advocate is our atonement. Therefore, let us confess our sins, give them to the Lord and be reminded that because of Jesus, our Advocate, forgiveness and salvation have been gifted to us:

Congregation: Gracious Lord, there have been times I have chosen my ways over your ways. Following my way, I have sinned by the choices I have made, sometimes knowingly and sometimes unknowingly. Sins of thought, sins of word and sins of action. Lord, I pray that you have mercy on me not because I have earned it or deserve it, but because of your unfailing love and your Son Jesus. Assure me of the forgiveness of my sin and take away my guilt.

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. You are righteous in God's sight and named as an heir of heaven. May the God of hope fill you with the peace and joy that comes only through his forgiveness. 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

Psalm 8

Lord, our Lord, how majestic
is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.

² Through the praise of children
and infants you have established
a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.

³ When I consider your heavens, the work
of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which
you have set in place, ⁴ what is mankind
that you are mindful of them, human beings
that you care for them?

⁵ You have made them a little lower than the
angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ You made them rulers over the works of your
hands; you put everything under their feet:

⁷ all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,

⁸ the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

⁹ Lord, our Lord, how majestic
is your name in all the earth!

SECOND LESSON

John 17:11b-19

“Holy Father, protect them by the power
of your name, the name you gave me, so
that they may be one as we are one.

¹² “While I was with them, I protected them and
kept them safe by that name you gave me.
None has been lost except the one doomed to
destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ “I am coming to you now, but I say these things
while I am still in the world, so that they may
have the full measure of my joy within them.

¹⁴ “I have given them your word and the
world has hated them, for they are not of the
world any more than I am of the world.

¹⁵ “My prayer is not that you take them out
of the world but that you protect them from
the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world,
even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by
the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent
me into the world, I have sent them into
the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself,
that they too may be truly sanctified.

"WHO AM I"

[Verse 1]

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name
Would care to feel my hurt
Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way
For my ever wandering heart.

[Pre-Chorus]

Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are

[Chorus] x2

I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean (ocean)
A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord, You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am...
I am Yours, I am Yours

[Verse 2]

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love and watch me rise
again
Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me.

[Pre-Chorus]

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BECAUSE JESUS LIVES:

I HAVE AN ADVOCATE

based on 1 John 2:1-2

1 JOHN 2:1-2

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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 LIGHTHOUSE"

[Verse 1]

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

[Verse 2]

In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

[Chorus]

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness.
I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me--

Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

[Verse 3]

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

[Chorus]

[Bridge x4]

Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms.

[Chorus]

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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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