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WELCOME

“SATISFIED IN YOU (PSALM 42)”

[Verse 1]

I have lost my appetite,
And a flood is welling up
behind my eyes.
So, I eat the tears I cry.
And if that were not enough,
They know just the words to cut
and tear and prod,
When they ask me "Where's your God?"

[Chorus 1]

Why are you downcast, oh my soul?
Why so disturbed within me?
I can remember when you
showed your face to me.
As a deer pants for water,
so my soul thirsts for You.
And when I survey Your splendor,
You so faithfully renew.
Like a bed of rest . . . for my fainting flesh,
I am satisfied in You.

[Verse 2]

When I'm staring at the ground,
It's an inbred feedback loop that brings me down.
So, it's time to lift my brow.
And remember better days,
When I loved to worship You in all Your ways
With the sweetest songs of praise.

[Chorus 1]

[Verse 3]

So, when I'm drowning out at sea,
And Your breakers and Your waves
crash down on me.
I'll recall Your safety scheme.
You're the One who made the waves,
And Your Son went out to
suffer in my place,
And to tell me that I'm saved.

[Chorus 2]

Why are you downcast, oh my soul?
Why so disturbed within me?
I can remember when you
showed your face to me.
As a deer pants for water,
so my soul thirsts for You.
And when I survey Your splendor,
You so faithfully renew.

Let my sighs give way to songs
that sing about Your faithfulness.
Let my pain reveal Your glory as my only real rest.
Let my losses show me all I truly have is You.

Like a bed of rest . . . for my fainting flesh,
I am satisfied in You.

I am satisfied in You. (x3)

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: People love many things: food, money, sleep, or even just being able to do things for ourselves. And all can be considered a blessing from God. But they can also be a stumbling block. Maybe you find yourself becoming so engrossed in what you do that you lose sight of where those gifts came from. Maybe those gifts become reasons you seem to always find an excuse not to take time to focus on your relationship with God or strive to let ‘gospel light’ shine.

“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry” (1 Corinthians 10:13-14).
Let us confess:

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 you have mercy on me, according to your unfailing love, according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions and cleanse me from my sin. Assure me of your complete forgiveness and love for me. Renew me, give me peace, and lead me to follow 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. You are a dearly loved child of God. May the God of hope fill you with the joy that comes only through his forgiveness and give you his strength to sustain you as long as you live. 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 22:1-18

Some time later God tested Abraham.
He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together,

⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said,

"I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

What, then, shall we say in response to these things?

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

“JUST AS I AM”

[Verse 1]

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Your blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee.
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

[Verse 2]

Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot.
To You whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

[Verse 3]

Just as I am, though tossed about,
With many conflicts, many doubts,
Fighting fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

[Verse 4]

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind.
Sight and healing of the mind;
Yet all I need in You I find,
O Lamb of God, I come—
Lamb of God, I come—
Lamb of God, I come—
Lamb of God, I come, I come.

[Verse 5]

Just as I am, you will receive,
Will welcome pardon cleanse relieve.
Because your promise I believe.
O Lamb of God, I come—
Lamb of God, I come—
Lamb of God, I come—
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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LENTEN VICTORY:
OVER OUR IDOLS
based on Matthew 4:1-11

MATTHEW 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: *'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*"

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: *'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their*

hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: *'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'*"

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: *'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'*"

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

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.

“ABIDE WITH ME”

[Verse 1]

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers,
fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

[Verse 2]

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me,
though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

[Verse 3]

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself,
my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

[Verse 4]

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death?
Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

[Verse 5]

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks
and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me

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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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