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HUMBLE THYSELF: CONFESSION OF SINS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

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WL: In our first lesson we will hear God calling the believers of the Old Testament to repent. Even though we are thousands of years beyond the writing of Ezekiel, God’s call is the same: confess our sin to God, believe in Jesus for forgiveness, and strive to live our lives according to God’s will. Today, we will do that in word and in song. We hear from Ezekiel:

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 18:25-32

²⁵ “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’

Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ²⁶ If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die.

²⁷ But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life.

²⁸ Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die.

²⁹ Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel?

Is it not your ways that are unjust?

³⁰ “Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹ Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel?

³² For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!”

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C: 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 sins I know I have done and sins that I do not know I have done. Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Call me from the darkness into your wonderful light. Assure me of your love for me, cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

WL: God is love; the one who abides in love abides in him and God abides in them. By this perfect love—perfected through the perfect life and innocent death of Christ Jesus—every sin has been washed away. You are righteous in God’s sight. The God of hope fill you with the peace and joy that comes only through his forgiveness. May his love drive out all fear and doubt, and overflow as you pour out that love on others and live your life in worship of the author and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

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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.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:1-11

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

"MIGHT TO SAVE"

[Verse 1]

Ev'ryone needs compassion,
A love that's never failing.
Let mercy fall on me.
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Savior,
The hope of nations.

[Chorus]

Savior, he can move the mountains.
Our God is mighty to save,
he is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of Salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

[Verse 2]

You've searched me and you know me,
All my fears and failures
With love you draw me in.
So, with my life I'll follow
Everything you have taught me
Till I'm home in heaven.

[Chorus x2]

Savior, he can move the mountains.
Our God is mighty to save,
he is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of Salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

[Bridge]

Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

[Chorus]

Savior, he can move the mountains.
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MESSAGE:
A STORY FOR EVERYONE

*God is faithful and genuine in every way.
Today's Bible readings invite us to see and believe these things.
Because of God's grace toward all—his unmerited, unconditional love—he calls
all to repentance...those who are self-righteous and those who are unrighteous.*

*Today's reading from Philippians tells us that Jesus has taken all these sins upon himself in his
death for all sinners. All of today's Scripture readings call us to repent and believe in Jesus!*

MATTHEW 21:28-32

“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

²⁹ “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

³¹ “Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.”

PRAYER

Vicar David will offer the 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.

“YES I WILL”

[Verse 1]

I count on one thing:
The same God that never fails
Will not fail me now;
You won't fail me now.
In the waiting,
the same God who's never late,
Is working all things out;
You're working all things out.

[Chorus 1]

Yes, I will—lift You high
in the lowest valley.
Yes, I will—bless Your name.
Yes, I will—sing for joy
when my heart is heavy.
All my days—yes, I will.

[Verse]

I count on one thing:
The same God that never fails
Will not fail me now;
You won't fail me now.
In the waiting,
the same God who's never late,
Is working all things out;
You're working all things out.

[Chorus 2]

Yes, I will—lift You high
in the lowest valley.
Yes, I will—bless Your name.
Yes, I will—sing for joy
when my heart is heavy.
All my days—yes, I will.
For all my days—yes, I will.

[Bridge] x3

And I choose to praise
To glorify, glorify
The name of all names
That nothing can stand against

[Chorus 2]

Yes, I will—lift You high
in the lowest valley.
Yes, I will—bless Your name.
Yes, I will—sing for joy
when my heart is heavy.
All my days—yes, I will.
For all my days—yes, I will.
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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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