

A LITURGY FOR WORSHIPING AT HOME

June 7, 2020

INVITATION

Isaiah 55:1-3

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;

[*Quiet*]

LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
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.

SONG

“Come Thou Fount”

<https://youtu.be/FfXOUTaONoI>

1

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it
Name of God's redeeming love

2

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God

He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood
3
Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism: Question 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalms 32:1-4

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Written by Martin Bucer, Strasbourg, 1539

Almighty, everlasting God and Father, we confess and acknowledge to you that we were conceived in unrighteousness, and are full of sin and transgression in all our life, as those who do not perfectly believe your Word nor follow your holy commandments. We implore you, remember your goodness and for your name's sake be gracious to us and forgive us our wrongdoing, which indeed is great.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalms 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

SONG

“Come Ye Sinners”

<https://youtu.be/slQ6MTJLU4I>

1

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity, love, and pow'r

CHORUS

I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
Oh, there are ten thousand charms

2

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh

CHORUS

3

Come, ye weary, heavy laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all

CHORUS

4

Lo! The incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him, venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude

CHORUS (x2)

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PRAYING TOGETHER

- That the Lord will glorify Himself through the pandemic and draw many to saving faith in Christ; that His Church will be a faithful witness to the hope that is in us.
- That the Lord will end the pandemic and restore those with the virus to full health.
- That the Lord will protect those serving on the frontlines of the pandemic, particularly those in our CtK family: Val Gorman, Billy Hollingsworth, Carolyn Bush, Julie Calcote, and Carol Hollingsworth.
- For our African-American brothers and sisters, as they mourn and grieve the death of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd and for the fears and hurts the situation brings to the surface.

- That the Lord will bring peace, reconciliation, and justice to our city. That protests will be peaceful and lead to justice.
- We rejoice with the Pitts family and thank the Lord for His mercy at the good result of Eloise's scan.
- That the Lord will continue His healing and care for Sandy DeVries as she recovers from heart surgery, and that He will sustain both her and Jim during these days.
- That the Lord will watch over Karis Keating, and give Brad, Christy, and the doctors wisdom and peace as they care for her.
- That the Lord will continue to give strength to Wanda Williams as she cares for Horace, and that He will give them both rest and protection from the virus.
- We rejoice with the Jackson family with the birth of Alida Jackson on June 2nd. Praise God for new life in our congregation!
- That the Session and Restart Committee would have the Lord's wisdom and insight as they explore resuming worshiping in person.
- That the Lord will ground us in the hope of the Gospel, that we might not be fearful but rest in the love of Christ for us.

BIBLE SONG

Psalm 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light. Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart!

[*Quiet*]

BIBLE READING

Luke 14:12-24

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house

became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

THE SERMON

“The Master Wants a Full House”

Rev. Todd Gwennap

SONG

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

<https://youtu.be/1xl-WmjI2GQ>

CHORUS

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

1

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

CHORUS

2

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

CHORUS

3

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

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BLESSING

Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

BONUS SONGS

Jeff Lawson and Sandra McCracken, “Come to the Feast”

<https://youtu.be/mVboIkLUx2E>

Joe Deegan, “The Wedding Feast”

https://youtu.be/Brvc_uAsMK4