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Trinity Season
Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Our closing hymn, “Take My Life, and Let It Be,” was written in 1874 by singer, poet, and Greek scholar Frances Havergal. Originally composed by her father, an Anglican clergyman, it has been repopularized by Chris Tomlin’s recording in the album by Passion Music, Hymns Ancient and Modern.

This hymn was certainly dear to Frances, who was known as the “consecration poet.” In her own words, this song is a “consecration hymn” that ought to describe what all Christians long for, even if at times we see great disparity between the words and our feelings.

Each stanza explores more deeply what it means to surrender to Christ. The first stanza references consecrating the whole self to Christ, including the very moments of one’s life. The second and fifth stanzas show that following Christ is truly a volitional commitment. The hymn concludes by reminding Christians that Jesus ultimately wants the throne of our hearts.

This hymn is a beautiful prayer that God would both draw us closer to Himself and use us to bring others to Him. God calls us to a life of discipleship, and our only response should be, “Here I am. Send me.”

Offer Your Praise

ORGAN PRELUDE: Sinfonia “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” . . . . . . . . . . . Michael Burkhardt
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “How Great Thou Art” ................. arr. Dan Forrest
Brad Jones, piano; Brass Ensemble
Samuel Metzger, director

CHORAL INTROIT: “O Savior of the World” ............... Charles Callahan
O Savior of the World,
Who by Thy cross and precious blood has redeemed us,
Save us and help us, O Lord.

The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director

CALL TO WORSHIP ............................................................ Jon McGuirt

HYMN OF PRAISE: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” ............... ELLACOMBE

1. I sing the mighty pow’r of God that made the
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the
3. There’s not a plant or flow’r be-low but makes your
moun-tains rise, that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad
earth with food; he formed the crea-tures with his word
glo ries known; and clouds a-rise and tem-pests blow
and built the loft-y skies. I sing the wis-dom
and then pro-nounced them good. Lord, how your won-ders
by or-der from your throne; while all that bor-rows
PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

George Robertson

1. By day and night, in every place, through all our days,
   and for our slowness to open our hearts
   to people of other lands, tongues, and races.
   For the Lord is our God,
   and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

2. By faith we roam the earth,
   from day to day, and by faith we roam, and by faith we roam,
   Till the race is run, till the course is finished,
   For he is our God, and we will praise his name.

3. By faith we came to this place,
   with all our hearts and minds,
   to offer our praise and worship,
   And to proclaim the love of our Lord.

4. By faith we trust in the power of the Holy Spirit,
   that we may deserve what is good,
   love what you love, and do what you command
   through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CONFESSION YOUR NEED

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
Your mercy is higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings, and deeper than our sin.
Forgive us for thinking small thoughts about You;
for making You in our own image
rather than worshipping You in spirit and in truth;
for our desire to build our own kingdoms
rather than see Memphis become as it is in heaven;
for our callowness towards the suffering of others;
and for our slowness to open our hearts
to people of other lands, tongues, and races.
Change us by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that we may desire what is good,
love what you love, and do what You command
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON . . . . Romans 5:8, Colossians 1:13-14, Romans 5:1

God shows His love for us,
in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “At the Name of Jesus” .......................... Cindy Berry

Jesus, though He was God, did not cling to His rights as God,
But laid aside His mighty power, His mighty power and glory,
Taking the form of a servant and becoming like men.
He humbled Himself, He humbled Himself,
And became obedient to death, even death on the cross.
At the name of Jesus, at the name of Jesus,
Ev’ry knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.
That ev’ry knee shall bow and ev’ry tongue shall confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord!
At the name of Jesus!

The Chancel Choir
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†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ............................................. Barton Kimbro

†GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) .............................. Kirsten Scheel

CONSECRATE YOUR LIFE

†PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (please stand)

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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

†HYMN OF PREPARATION: “By Faith” ............................ Keith and Kristyn Getty

1. By faith we see the hand of God
2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
3. By faith the prophets saw a day
4. By faith the church was called to go
5. By faith the mountain shall be moved

in the light of creation’s grand design,
with the pow’r of His promise in their hearts,
when the longed-for Mes-si-ah would ap-pear
in the pow’r of the Spi-rit to the lost
and the pow’r of the gos-pel shall pre-vail,
the lives of those who prove His faith-ful-ness,
of a ho-ly ci-ty built by God’s own hand,
with the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death
to de-li-ver cap-tives and to preach good news
for we know in Christ all things are pos-si-ble

who walk by faith and not by sight,
a place where peace and jus-tice reign. (to chorus)
and rise tri-um-phant from the grave.
in ev’ry cor-ner of the earth. (to chorus)
for all who call up-on His name. (to chorus)

Chorus (after vs. 2, 4, & 5)
We will stand as chil-dren of the pro-mise; we will fix our eyes on
him our soul’s re-ward. Till the race is fi-nished and the
work is done, we’ll walk by faith and not by sight

PROPHETIC LESSON .................................................. Zechariah 8:4-5
(page 796 in the pew Bible)
The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON The Mission at 2PC Memphis: Repairing What Is Broken
George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 585 “Take My Life, and Let It Be” ............ HENDON
stanzas 1, 2, 5 & 6

BENEDICTION (Please lift hands)

CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” . . Michael Burkhardt

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Brass Ensemble: David Spencer, Susan Enger, Greg Luscombe,
Mark Vail, Caroline Kinsey, Stewart Plumlee
I. Why Cities Are Important
   A. Magnet
      1. Creative
      2. Poor
      3. Searchers
   B. Amplifier
   C. Gateway for the Gospel

II. How Do We Build a City of God?
   A. Righteousness
   B. Peace
   C. Joy