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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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Trinity Season


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain” is perhaps one of the most popular and joyfully poignant hymns written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). According to The Oxford Edition of the Works of John Wesley, it was written immediately following his conversion in May of 1738 when, after reading Ephesians 2:8, he found rest knowing that it is by faith we are saved.

The text of the hymn is fairly straightforward:

- Wesley begins the first stanza by expressing amazement over the love expressed in God the Son dying for him. It is a mystery that we who caused his death now benefit from it.
- In the second stanza, Wesley recounts the infinite grace and mercy of Christ’s love and humility in the incarnation, death, and finding of lost sinners.
- He turns his attention, in the third stanza, to the bondage of his own sin and the freedom he found in Christ.
- Finally, in the fourth stanza, he explores the results of Christ’s amazing and merciful work — there is no condemnation for those made alive in Christ and clothed in His righteousness; rather, there is bold access to the throne as we have the right to claim the eschatological crown.

“And Can It Be” is one of the most remarkable hymns, expressing like no other the rapturous joy of receiving salvation. Let us sing loudly of our great salvation and give glory to our Savior and Friend!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Richard Elliott
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “It Is Well” arr. Mark Hayes
Brad Jones, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP David Bowen

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: “And Can It Be That I Should Gain” SAGINA

1. And can it be that I should gain an
 2. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove, (so
 3. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast
 4. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je -

in - t'rest in the Sav - ior's blood?
 free, so in - fi - nite his grace!)
 bound in sin and na - ture's night.
 sus, and all in him, is mine!

Died he for me, who caused his pain? For
 Emp - tied him - self of all but love, and
 Thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning ray: I
 A - live in him, my liv - ing Head, and

me, who him to death pur - sued?
 bled for Ad - am's help - less race!
 woke - the dun - geon flamed with light!
 clothed in right - eous - ness di - vine,

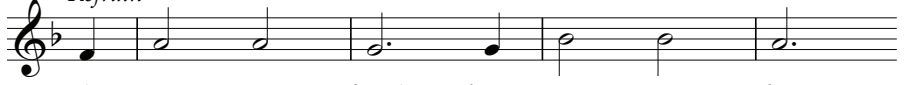


A - maz - ing love! how can it be that
 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free, for,
 My chains fell off, my heart was free, I
 bold I ap - proach the e - ter - nal throne, and



thou, my God shouldst die for me?
 O my God, it found out me.
 rose, went forth, and fol - lowed thee.
 claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Refrain



A - maz - ing love! how can it be



That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

✦ INVOCATION *(Please lift hands)*

✦ THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: New City Catechism Q. 46 Grace Knight (8:15)
 Don Batchelor (11:00)

What is the Lord's Supper?

**Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread
 and to drink from the cup
 in thankful remembrance of him and his death.
 The Lord's Supper is a celebration
 of the presence of God in our midst;
 bringing us into communion with God and with one another;
 feeding and nourishing our souls.
 It also anticipates the day
 when we will eat and drink with Christ
 in His Father's kingdom.**

✦ DOXOLOGY TALLIS CANON

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Power of the Cross". arr. Mark Hayes

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day;
 Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men,
 Torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
 Took the blame, bore the wrath – we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
 Bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought,
 Ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
 Quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two,
 Dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the vic'try cry.

This the pow'r of the cross: Christ was slain for us.

Congregation stands and joins:

**Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death;
Life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.**

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God – slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.**

*Jauna Ellis, soloist
Summer Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

♣ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Gerry A. Peak

♣ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Dylan Franklin

♣ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Please stand)*

♣ HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 128 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" DUNDEE
stanzas 1-4

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 16:6-15
(page 925 in the pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *Sovereign Grace* George W. Robertson

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time and pass by the elements. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members. We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Those wishing to be served communion together as a group or family, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements. All communion wafers are gluten free.

♣ PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful Father and Judge of all the earth,
it is with heavy hearts we acknowledge that it is our sin
that made the crucifixion of Your beloved Son necessary.
We confess that we have fallen short of Your glory
by things we have done and things we have left undone.
We have not and cannot live up to the demands of Your holy law.
We all, like wayward sheep, have gone astray.
As a result, You have laid upon Jesus the iniquity of us all.
Father, forgive us for our treachery,
our calloused hearts, and our apathy toward sin.
Cleanse us with the blood of Jesus, which He shed for us.
Renew our faith, which in grace You gave us as a gift.
Restore us to walk anew in the life which Christ has won for us.
It is in His matchless name we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... I John 1:8-9

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND THE 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will
serve you in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing
the hymns printed below.*

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

**At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from His pierced side;
Praise we Him whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.**
**Where the paschal blood is poured, death’s dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.**
**Mighty victim from the sky, pow’rs of hell beneath Thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light:
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to Thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to Thee, with the Spirit, ever be.**

“Behold the Lamb” Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us — and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,
Torn for you — eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you — drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.**

“Jesus Paid It All” ALL TO CHRIST

**I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me your all in all.”**

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

**Lord, now indeed I find Your power, and Yours alone,
Can change the leper’s spots, and melt the heart of stone.**

**For nothing good have I whereby Your grace to claim—
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF RESPONSE ALL TO CHRIST

**And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died, my soul to save” my lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.**

✦BENEDICTION *(Please lift hands)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Now Thank We All Our God” Sigfrid-Karg Elert

✦Indicates congregation standing

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- I. Gives the Gospel (*Acts 16:6-10*)
 - A. Overrules Our Plans

 - B. Distributes at Will

- II. Grants Repentance and Faith (*Acts 16:11-15*)
 - A. Grace to Women

 - B. Gift Nature of Repentance

 - C. Gift Nature of Faith