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Prelude

PRELUDE

Awesome God

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Call to Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens declare the glory of God.

And the sky proclaims His handiwork!

The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

His testimony is sure, making wise the simple.

Let us worship God!



HYMN OF PRAISE: All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
O praise Him alleluia
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice

O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

And all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O sing ye alleluia
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear
Praise God and on Him cast your care

O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One

O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia



HYMN OF PRAISE: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



Hymn

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

And tho' this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever



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Prayer of Confession

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Righteous Father, we are so easily deceived. We stubbornly celebrate our sin instead of quickly confessing it to You. Thinking ourselves wise, we have become fools and exchanged Your truth for the many lies of this world.

We ask for Your mercy as we confess to You in the silence.

(silent prayer)

Forgive us, Lord. Make us live in Your light, and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



Assurance of Pardon

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Friends, we have been pardoned in Christ!

Praise be to God!



HYMN OF PRAISE: God Moves

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm
Deep in His dark and hidden mines
With never failing skill
He fashions all His bright designs
And works His sovereign will

Chorus

So God we trust in You
O God we trust in You
When tears are great
And comforts few
We hope in mercies ever new
We trust in You

Oh fearful saints new courage take
The clouds that you now dread
Are big with mercy and will break
In blessings on your head
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense
But trust Him for His grace
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face

God's purposes will ripen fast
Unfolding every hour
The bud may have a bitter taste
But sweet will be the flower
Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan His work in vain
God is His own interpreter
And He will make it plain



SERMON: VANITY

Deep Wisdom and its Source



Sermon

ECCLESIASTES 6:10-7:14

¹⁰ Whatever has come to be has already been named, and it is known what man is, and that he is not able to dispute with one stronger than he. ¹¹ The more words, the more vanity, and what is the advantage to man? ¹² For who knows what is good for man while he lives the few days of his vain life, which he passes like a shadow? For who can tell man what will be after him under the sun?

The Contrast of Wisdom and Folly

- 7** A good name is better than precious ointment,
and the day of death than the day of birth.
- 2** It is better to go to the house of mourning
than to go to the house of feasting,
for this is the end of all mankind,
and the living will lay it to heart.
- 3** Sorrow is better than laughter,
for by sadness of face the heart is made glad.
- 4** The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning,
but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.
- 5** It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise
than to hear the song of fools.
- 6** For as the crackling of thorns under a pot,
so is the laughter of the fools;
this also is vanity.
- 7** Surely oppression drives the wise into madness,
and a bribe corrupts the heart.
- 8** Better is the end of a thing than its beginning,
and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.
- 9** Be not quick in your spirit to become angry,
for anger lodges in the heart of fools.
- 10** Say not, "Why were the former days better than these?"
For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.
- 11** Wisdom is good with an inheritance,
an advantage to those who see the sun.
- 12** For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money,
and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it.
- 13** Consider the work of God:
who can make straight what he has made crooked?

¹⁴ In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him.

This is the Word of the Lord

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Outline:

1. Biblical wisdom (7:1-12)
 - A. A good name over good **smells**
 - B. Mourning over **celebrating**
 - C. Sorrow over **laughter**
 - D. Correction over **compliment**
 - E. Patience over **anger**
2. The source of all **wisdom**: our **sovereign God** (6:10-12, 7:13-14)



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Offertory

HYMN OF PRAISE: Lead Me to The Cross



Hymn

Saviour I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom

Pre-Chorus

Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin in death
Now You're risen

Bridge

To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart