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Prelude

PRELUDE

A Thousand More

By: Charmaine Carrasco, Corbin Phillips, Taylor Gall

Just The Cross

By: Chloe Evans, Christian Lewis, Mark Evans

Call to Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

I will recount all Your wonderful deeds!

I will be glad and exult in You;

I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High!

Let us worship God.



HYMN OF PRAISE: Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

By: Walter Chalmers Smith

Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes
Most blessed most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious
Thy great name we praise

Unresting unhasting
And silent as light
Nor wanting nor wasting
Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains
High soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love

To all life thou givest
To both great and small
In all life thou livest
The true life of all
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree
And wither and perish
But naught changeth thee

Great Father of glory
Pure Father of light
Thine angels adore thee
All veiling their sight
All praise we would render
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
Of light hideth thee



Hymn

HYMN OF PRAISE: How Deep The Father's Love For Us

By: Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom



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Prayer of Confession

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy God, our hearts are under a plague of sin. We often fail to stand for You in this world, being swept away in its tide. We succumb to the temptation to worship the gifts instead of You, the Giver. Hear us, O Lord, as we confess to You in the silence.

(silent prayer)

Forgive us, Father, and cleanse us of our offenses. Sanctify us that we may live according to Your truth. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.



Assurance of Pardon

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people. Christ gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession.

Thanks be to God!



HYMN OF PRAISE: Refiners Fire

By: Brian Doerksen



Hymn

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
Pure gold

Chorus
Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within

Chorus x2

SERMON: VANITY
Wisdom's Limits and Life's Purpose



ECCLESIASTES 8:1-17

Who is like the wise?

And who knows the interpretation of a thing?

A man's wisdom makes his face shine,
and the hardness of his face is changed.

² I say: Keep the king's command, because of God's oath to him. ³ Be not hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand in an evil cause, for he does whatever he pleases. ⁴ For the word of the king is supreme, and who may say to him, "What are you doing?" ⁵ Whoever keeps a command will know no evil thing, and the wise heart will know the proper time and the just way. ⁶ For there is a time and a way for everything, although man's trouble lies heavy on him. ⁷ For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how it will be? ⁸ No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death. There is no discharge from war, nor will wickedness deliver those who are given to it. ⁹ All this I observed while applying my heart to all that is done under the sun, when man had power over man to his hurt.

¹⁰ Then I saw the wicked buried. They used to go in and out of the holy place and were praised in the city where they had done such things. This also is vanity. ¹¹ Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil. ¹² Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before him. ¹³ But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

¹⁴ There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked, and there are wicked people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity. ¹⁵ And I commend joy, for man has nothing better under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful, for this will go with him in his toil through the days of his life that God has given him under the sun.

¹⁶ When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on earth, how neither day nor night do one's eyes see sleep, ¹⁷ then I saw all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. However much man may toil in seeking, he will not find it out. Even though a wise man claims to know, he cannot find it out.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Outline:

1. Wisdom's value in a **tough** world (8:1-5)
2. Wisdom's limits in an **incomprehensible** world (8:6-9,14-17)
3. Wickedness: a **terrible** long-term strategy (8:10-13)
4. Fear **God**, enjoy His **gifts** (8:12,15)



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Hymn

HYMN OF PRAISE: He Will Hold Me Fast
By: Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

Chorus

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

Chorus x2



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Communion

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

THE PRAYER

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.

Better Word

By: Leeland Mooring, Kyle Lee, Jack Mooring

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