

Call to Worship

From Psalm 95

Minister: *Come and worship the Lord, for we are His people, the flock that He shepherds. Let us shout with joy to the Rock who saves us. Let us come with thanksgiving and sing joyful songs to the Lord.*

Invocation

Minister

✠Hymn of Worship

All Hail the Power

All hail the power of Jesus' name! / Let angels prostrate fall; / *Bring forth the royal diadem, / And crown Him Lord of all!*

Crown Him ye martyrs of your God / Who from His altar call; / *Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, / And crown Him Lord of all!*

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, / Ye ransomed of the fall, / *Hail Him who saves you by His grace, / And crown Him Lord of all!*

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget / The wormwood and the gall, / *Go spread your trophies at His feet, / And crown Him Lord of all!*

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, / On this terrestrial ball, / *To Him all majesty ascribe, / And crown Him Lord of all!*

O that with yonder sacred throng / We at His feet may fall! / *We'll join the everlasting song, / And crown Him Lord of all!*

✠Prayer of Promise

The Book of Prayer, Matthew Henry

Leader: *We worship You, the eternal Word, who was in the beginning with God, and is God. For all things were made by You, and without You nothing was made that has been made. In the fullness of time You were made flesh and dwelled among us. You manifested Your glory, the glory of the Son who abides face to face before the Father, full of grace and truth. (Jn 1:1-3, 14)*

Leader: *All glory be to God for His grace and mercy.*

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; / I dare not trust the sweetest frame, / But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand: / All other ground is sinking sand, / All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, / I rest on His unchanging grace; / In ev'ry high and stormy gale, / My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood / Support me in the whelming flood; / When all around my soul gives way, / He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, / O may I then in Him be found, /

✠Those who are able, please stand.

Dressed in His righteousness alone, / Faultless to stand before the throne.

Confession of Faith

Q.323 *The Geneva Catechism, John Calvin*

Leader: *What is the difference between Baptism and the Holy Supper?*

People: Baptism is the rite of entering the church. It shows that we who were once outsiders are accepted into God's family and made part of His people. The Holy Supper, on the other hand, demonstrates that God nourishes our souls and shows himself to be our loving Father.

Pastoral Prayer

Minister

✠Hymn of Preparation

A Debtor to Mercy

A debtor to mercy alone, / Of covenant mercy I sing, / Nor fear, with God's righteousness on, / My person and off'rings to bring. / The terrors of law and of God / With me can have nothing to do; / My Savior's obedience and blood / Hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which His goodness began, / The arm of His strength will complete; / His promise is Yes and Amen, / And never was forfeited yet. / Things future, nor things that are now, / Not all things below or above, / Can make Him His purpose forego, / Or sever my soul from His love.

My name from the palms of His hands / Eternity will not erase; / Imprest on His heart, it remains / In marks of indelible grace. / Yes! I to the end will endure, / As sure as the earnest is giv'n; / More happy, but not more secure, / The glorified spirits in Heaven.

✠Scripture Reading

Minister

Minister: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Knowing the Will of God

Dr. Renton Rathbun

Ephesians 5:13-17

✠Hymn of Response

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below; / Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. / Amen.

✠Hymn of Benediction

Whate'er My God Ordains

Whate'er my God ordains is right, / His holy will abideth. / I will be still whate'er He does, / And follow where He guideth. / He is my God, / though dark my road. / He holds me that I shall not fall; / *And so to Him I leave it all.*

Whate'er my God ordains is right, / He never will deceive me; / He leads me by the proper path, / I know He will not leave me. / I take, content, what He has sent; / His hand can turn my griefs away; / *And patiently I wait His day.*

Whate'er my God ordains is right, / Though now this cup in drinking. / May bitter seem to my faint heart, / I take it all unshrinking. / My God is true, each

morn anew / Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart; / *And pain and sorrow shall depart.*

Whate'er my God ordains is right, / Here shall my stand be taken. / Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, / Yet I am not forsaken. / My Fathers care is round me there; / He holds me that I shall not fall; / *And so to Him I leave it all.*

✠ **Benediction**



Season of Easter

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers
and want fellowship;
to all who hunger
and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

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