



Prelude *Toccata in E Minor* organ Johann Pachelbel

Welcome Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Silent meditation Hebrews 10:23-25

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 91

Elder David deJong

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.
When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.”

* *Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord*

David Evans



1. Be still for the pre-sence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One is here.
2. Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.
3. Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.



Come, bow be - fore Him now, with rev - er - ence and fear.
He burns with ho - ly fire, with splen - dor He is crowned.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter His grace.



In Him no sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground.
How awe - some is the sight, our rad - iant King of Light!
No work too hard for Him, in faith re - ceive from Him.



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Be still for the pow - er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.

* *Holy, Holy, Holy* Trinity Hymnal 100 Verse 1

* **Invocation**

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession Luke 3:2b-6

...the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

Prayer of confession *followed by a time of silent confession*

Declaration of Forgiveness John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

8:30 service *On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.*

11:15 service: *Church bags for 4- to 6-year-olds are available in the foyer.*

* *In the Valley*

Tim Challies, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson



1. When the path that I feared is the way he has set and I
 2. When the road that I tread fills my heart with des-pair and it
 3. On the road that you walked with the weight of the cross, all the



long to give in and re-treat, still to Je-sus I hold as I
 seems that my grief has no end, still to Je-sus I hold who will
 pain and my sor-row you held. So to you I shall hold, you re-



face ev-'ry step for the Lord, he will give me his peace. Bless the
 walk with me there and the Lord, he will give me his strength. Bless the
 deem ev-'ry loss for my Lord, you have giv-en your-self. Bless the



Lord! He will give me his peace. Bless the
 Lord! He will give me his strength. Bless the
 Lord, for he gives me him-self! Bless the



Lord! He will give me his peace. And if I should re-main in the
 Lord! He will give me his strength. And if I should re-main in the
 Lord, for he gives me him-self! And if I should re-main in the



val-ley to-day, bless the Lord, he will give me his peace.
 val-ley to-day, bless the Lord, he will give me his strength.
 val-ley to-day, bless the Lord, for he gives me him-self.

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Zephaniah 2:1-3, 3:1-8

^{2:1} Gather together, yes, gather,
O shameless nation,
² before the decree takes effect
—before the day passes away like chaff—
before there comes upon you
the burning anger of the LORD,
before there comes upon you
the day of the anger of the LORD.
³ Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land,
who do his just commands;
seek righteousness; seek humility;
perhaps you may be hidden
on the day of the anger of the LORD.

^{3:1} Woe to her who is rebellious and defiled,
the oppressing city!
² She listens to no voice;
she accepts no correction.
She does not trust in the LORD;
she does not draw near to her God.

³ Her officials within her
are roaring lions;
her judges are evening wolves
that leave nothing till the morning.
⁴ Her prophets are fickle, treacherous men;
her priests profane what is holy;
they do violence to the law.

⁵ The LORD within her is righteous;
he does no injustice;
every morning he shows forth his justice;
each dawn he does not fail;
but the unjust knows no shame.

⁶ “I have cut off nations;
their battlements are in ruins;
I have laid waste their streets
so that no one walks in them;
their cities have been made desolate,
without a man, without an inhabitant.
⁷ I said, ‘Surely you will fear me;
you will accept correction.
Then your dwelling would not be cut off
according to all that I have appointed against you.’
But all the more they were eager
to make all their deeds corrupt.

⁸ “Therefore wait for me,” declares the LORD,
“for the day when I rise up to seize the prey.
For my decision is to gather nations,
to assemble kingdoms,
to pour out upon them my indignation,
all my burning anger;
for in the fire of my jealousy
all the earth shall be consumed.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon The Road to Repentance
Gather

Pastor Michael Anderson

Seek

Wait

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* Have Mercy

Verses

Paper Horses



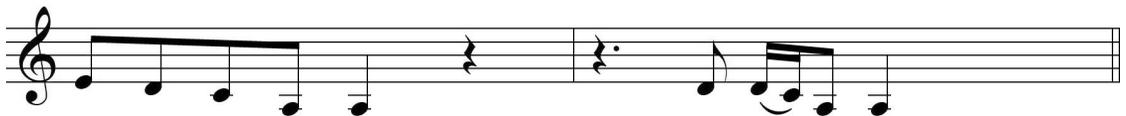
1. Most mer-ci-ful God, so much has gone wrong in the
2. Most mer-ci-ful God, too long we've been blind__ to the
3. Most mer-ci-ful God, - teach us to love__ - to



e - vil we've spo - ken, in the good we've not done. Heav -
pain of the peo - ple this__ world leaves be - hind. Heav -
give to our neigh - bor as you've giv - en to us. Heav -



- y the dark - ness hangs on us; will you__turn the light back on? Have
- y the dark - ness hangs on us; will you__turn the light back on? Have
- y the thorn up - on his head, - love__ is a life laid down. Have



mer - cy on us,__ have mer - cy, Lord. to Vs2
mer - cy on us,__ have mer - cy, Lord. to Bridge
mer - cy on us,__ have mer - cy, Lord. skip to Chorus

Bridge

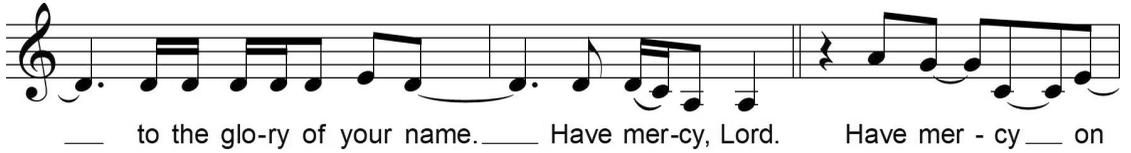


For the sake of your son,__ Je - sus Christ,__ for-give all our sins



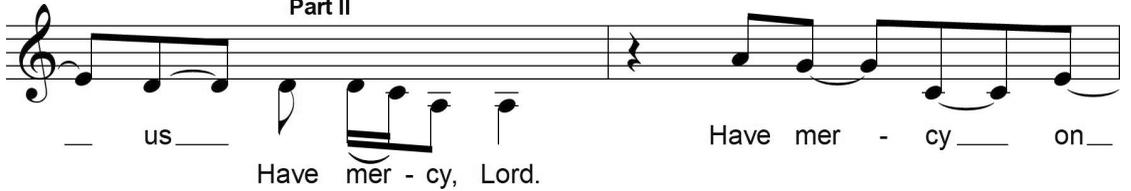
___ that we would de-light ___ in your will, ___ walk ___ in your ways live...

Chorus Part I

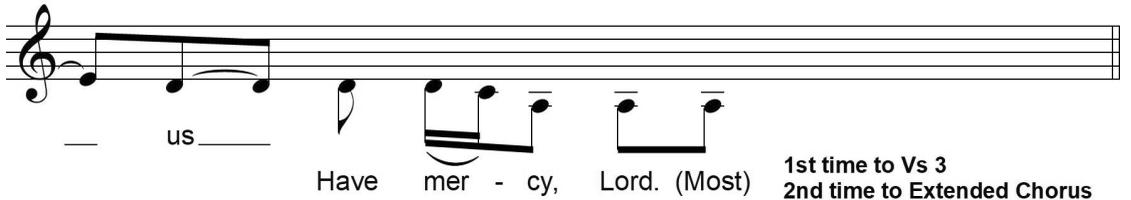


___ to the glo-ry of your name. ___ Have mer-cy, Lord. Have mer - cy ___ on

Part II



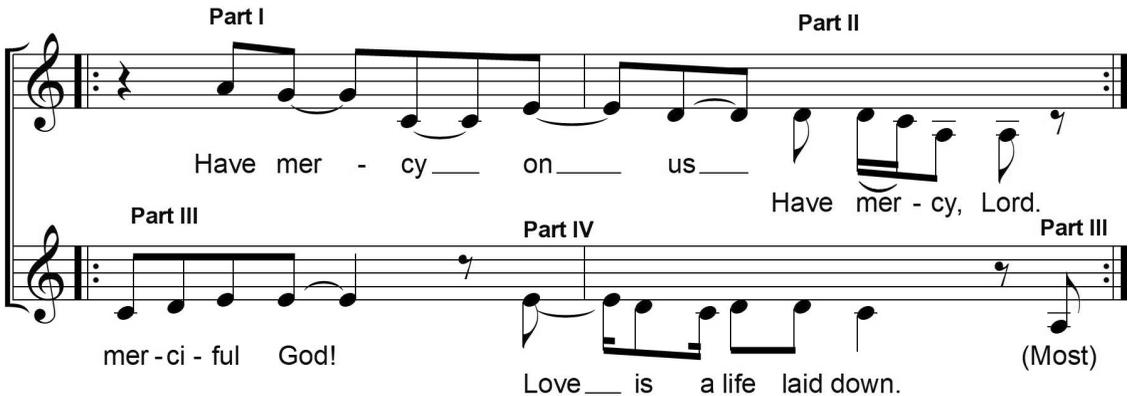
___ us ___ Have mer - cy, Lord. Have mer - cy ___ on ___



___ us ___ Have mer - cy, Lord. (Most) 1st time to Vs 3
2nd time to Extended Chorus

Extended Chorus

Choose a Part & repeat multiple times



Part I Part II
Have mer - cy ___ on ___ us ___ Have mer - cy, Lord.
Part III Part IV Part III
mer - ci - ful God! Love ___ is a life laid down. (Most)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The bread served is gluten free. Rows will be dismissed to walk forward.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *spoken together*

You, Christ, are the bread of heaven, the cup of salvation, and we give you glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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Prayers of the People

During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.

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Offertory*Love Still Bids You*

by Skye Peterson

Oh God of grace, how often have I grieved thee
How seldom have I sung thy praise
And little do I know how much I need thee
And time again I turn away

For how my heart is hard and unbelieving
For all I've done and left undone
Your love is not reluctant to receive me
My soul draws back but love says, "Come"

He will not cast you out
He will not cast you out
Whoever enters in
Will forever dwell with him
Draw near, faint heart, draw near
Oh, Love still bids you welcome here

Oh Father, when I sin against my neighbor
I turn away your very son
Who died to call us friends when we were strangers
And says to ev'ry sinner, "Come" *Chorus*

Oh Lord of light, you call us out of darkness
To turn aside from sin and live
And prodigals, we come to you for pardon
Oh, Abba, Father take us in *Chorus*

*** Gloria Patri**

Trinity Hymnal 735

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.

* It Is So

by Aaron Lindsey & William McDowell



(all.) A-men, a - men, a - men, a - men, it is so,
(men.)



— it is so. — A-men, a - men, a - men, a -



men, it is so, — it is so. —



1. He has saved us, he has re - deemed us; he will
2. He's the Al pha and the O - me - ga, the be -



hear us when we call, and when af -
gin - ning, and the end. And all God's

flic - tions come on the right - eous he will sus -
 prom - is - es made in Je - sus are _____
 tain _____ us through _____ them
 yes _____ and _____ a -

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*** Postlude**

Worship musicians

Ruthie Bray, vocals & melodica
 Ariston Churchwell, vocals
 Manuel Pineda, vocals & guitar
 Grant Mosher, bass
 Josiah Bray, drums

Olivia Yost, violin (8:30)
 Esther Ratajeski, violin (11:15)
 Susan Guerra, piano
 Sophia Scofield, organ

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