



Loving Witnessing Growing

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THE GATHERING

SUNG WORSHIP: COME AND STAND BEFORE YOUR MAKER

Come and stand
before your Maker
full of wonder, full of fear.
Come behold His power and glory
yet with confidence draw near.

For the one who holds the heavens
and commands the stars above
is the God who bends to bless us
with an unrelenting love.

*Rejoice,
come and lift your hands
and raise your voice,
He is worthy of our praise
Rejoice,
sing of mercies of your King
And with trembling, rejoice.*

We are children of the promise,
the beloved of the Lord,
won with everlasting kindness,
bought with sacrificial blood.

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS

Priest: We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise his presence with us.

As God's people we have gathered:

All: We come as we are,
we will leave changed by the love of God.

**Bringing reconciliation
to a world that longs to know
the affections of a Father
who will never let them go.**

Rejoice...

**All our sickness, all our sorrows
Jesus carried up the hill.
He has walked this path before us,
He is walking with us still.**

**Turning tragedy to triumph,
turning agony to praise,
there is blessing in the battle
so take heart and stand amazed.**

**Rejoice,
when you cry to Him
He hears your voice,
He will wipe away your tears.**

**Rejoice,
in the midst of suffering
He will help you sing.**

Rejoice...

CONFESSION

Priest: ...Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: ...Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: ...Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

LISTENING TO THE WORD

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 23:13-17

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SUNG WORSHIP: I STAND AMAZED

**I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene
and wonder how He could love me,
a sinner, condemned, unclean.**

*How marvellous, how wonderful
and my song shall ever be:
How marvellous, how wonderful
is my Saviour's love for me.*

**For me it was in the garden
He prayed, not my will, but Thine.
He had no tears for His own griefs
but sweat drops of blood for mine.**

How marvellous...

READING: ACTS 26:1-8, 24-32

SERMON

SUNG WORSHIP: BE STILL MY SOUL

**Be still my soul,
the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross
of grief or pain;
leave to your God
to order and provide;**

**He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own.
He bore the burden of Calvary
and suffered and died alone.**

How marvellous...

**When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
It will be my joy through the ages
to sing of His love for me.**

How marvellous...

**in every change
He faithful will remain.
Be still my soul, your best,
your heavenly friend
through thorny ways
leads to a joyful end.**

Be still my soul,
your God will undertake
to guide the future
as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence
let nothing shake,
all now mysterious
shall be bright at last.
Be still my soul,
the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them
while He dwelt below.

Be still my soul, when dearest
friends depart
and all is darkened
in the vale of tears.

Then shall you better
know His love, His heart,
who comes to soothe
your sorrow and your fears.

Be still my soul,
your Jesus can repay
from His own fullness
all He takes away.

Be still my soul,
the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be
forever with the Lord;
when disappointment,
grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot,
love's purest joys restored.

Be still my soul,
when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed
we shall meet at last.

INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...

NOTICES

SUNG WORSHIP: RAISE A HALLELUJAH

I raise a hallelujah,
in the presence of my enemies.
I raise a hallelujah,
louder than the unbelief.
I raise a hallelujah,
my weapon is a melody.
I raise a hallelujah,
heaven comes to fight for me.

*I'm gonna sing,
in the middle of the storm,
louder and louder,
you're gonna hear my praises roar
up from the ashes, hope will arise,
death is defeated,
the King is alive!*

I raise a hallelujah,
with everything inside of me.
I raise a hallelujah,
I will watch the darkness flee.
I raise a hallelujah,
in the middle of the mystery.
I raise a hallelujah,
fear you lost your hold on me!
I'm gonna sing...

Sing a little louder
(In the presence of my enemies)
Sing a little louder
(Louder than the unbelief)
Sing a little louder
(My weapon is a melody)
Sing a little louder
(Heaven comes to fight for me)
(repeat)
Sing a little louder!
I'm gonna sing...

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

A blessing is said, followed by

Leader: Go into the world in peace, be of good courage;
love without borders; share without fear; seek with passion
and pray without ceasing.
Go to love and serve the Lord;

**All: As family, we go to love, witness and grow
for God's glory in our world.**