

Forgiveness is to deal with our emotions...by denying ourselves the dark pleasures of venting them or fondling them in our minds...Once upon a time, I was engaged to a young woman who changed her mind. I forgave her...but in small sums over a year...done when I spoke to her and refrained from rehashing the past, done whenever I renounced jealousy and self-pity when seeing her with another man, done when I praised her to others when I wanted to slice away at her reputation. Those were the payments—but she never saw them. And her own payment was unseen by me...but I do know that she forgave me...[Forgiveness] is more than a matter of refusing to hate someone. It is also a matter of choosing to demonstrate love and acceptance to the offender...Pain is the consequence of sin; there is no easy way to deal with it. Wood, nails and pain are the currency of forgiveness, the love that heals.

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*Order of Worship*  
*March 24, 2013*  
*Palm Sunday*

**Prelude**

SMC Music Team

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Celebrating His Presence*

**Preparation for Worship**

**Call to Worship**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, 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;  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;  
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;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

**Invocation**

**A Gospel Moment**

**The Prayer of Confession and Repentance**

Blessed Lord Jesus, before Your cross I kneel and see the heinousness of my sin, my iniquity that caused You to be made a curse, the evil in me that brings the severity of divine wrath. Let me see in Your crown of thorns, in Your pierced hands and feet and bruised body, in Your dying cries, the enormity of my guilt. Infinite must be the guilt that demands such a price. Yet in seeing, let me also see the magnitude of Your salvation, for Your blood is the blood of incarnate God, its worth infinite, its value beyond all thought. Father, let me see the grace that removes my burdens and heaps them on Your Son, made a transgressor, a curse, and sin for me. At the cross Your infinite justice was magnified, and infinite atonement was made; there infinite punishment was due, and infinite punishment endured. Christ was cast off so that I might be brought in, stripped that I might be clothed, wounded that I might be healed, tormented that I might be comforted, and made a shame that I might inherit glory. O Father, who spared not Your only Son so that You might spare me, all this You have purposed from eternity and brought to fulfillment in the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Give me eyes to see all that You have accomplished—Satan baffled, defeated, and destroyed, sin buried in the ocean of His reconciling blood, hell's gates closed, and heaven opened. Help me to adore You with my lips and life. And now, knowing all that You have accomplished, bind me forever in love to Jesus, who died and rose for me. Amen.  
Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*People:* Thanks be to God!

### ***White as Snow***

White as snow, white as snow,  
Though my sins were as scarlet;  
Lord, I know, Lord, I know,  
That I'm clean and forgiven.

Through the power of Your blood,  
Through the wonder of Your love,  
Through faith in You I know  
That I can be white as snow.

## **The Blessing**

*Minister:* The grace of God be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

## **Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord**

# *Experiencing Renewal*

## ***Come and See***

Come and see the glory of the Lord, come, behold the Lamb.  
Come and see the mercy of the King, bowing down before Him.

Come and give thanks unto the Lord, come, behold the Lamb.  
Come and sing the praises of the King, bowing down before Him.

\*For He is Lord above the heavens, Lord in all the earth;  
Lord of all the angels, worthy to be served.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord.

*(\*repeat at asterisk)*

## ***King of the Nations***

Come, let us worship Jesus, King of nations, Lord of all.  
Magnificent and glorious, just and merciful. *(chorus)*

Lavish our heart's affection, deepest love and highest praise.  
Voice, race and language blending, all the world amazed. *(chorus)*

Come, Lord, and fill Your temple, glorify Your dwelling place,  
'Til nations see Your splendor, and seek Your face. *(chorus)*

*Chorus:* Jesus, King of the nations. Jesus, Lord of all.  
Jesus, King of the nations. Lord of all.

Fear God and give Him glory for His hour of judgment comes.  
Creator, Lord Almighty, worship Him alone.



## Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

## Song of Response

### *Beautiful Wonderful Cross*

There is a place where justice and mercy flow as an endless stream'  
Bringing salvation, life and redemption to sinners awaiting in need.

*Chorus:* At the beautiful wonderful cross, at the beautiful wonderful cross  
Where the King of all glory laid down His life for us,  
At the beautiful wonderful cross.

There is a place where things that are broken can come be restored again;  
The past is forgiven, washed and forgotten by love that has conquered sin. (*chorus*)

*Bridge:* There is a place where hope everlasting was sealed by the blood of the King—  
To Him be all glory, honor and praises, Jesus the victory! (*chorus*)

At the beautiful wonderful cross where the king of all glory laid down His life for us,  
At the beautiful wonderful, beautiful wonderful, beautiful wonderful cross.

## Benediction