

The only way to get rid of sin is to *admit* it! Why is this so hard? Surely because it means letting go of our own righteousness which is the very thing we do not like doing. Yet how can we have Christ's perfect robe of righteousness if we insist on wearing our own? It is impossible. Jesus is our perfect righteousness. When we come to Him we need no other. The struggle for righteousness is over and He becomes our reputation and glory. We need not fear to come to the sinner's place, for when we do, it is to cease from our own works, to stop trying to be what we are not and admit instead what we are. At the point we accept Christ's own righteousness, we are justified before God and enter into peace. This is God's basic blessing for us, and the only true way of peace and joy.

Cast your deadly doing down,
Down at Jesus' feet.
Stand in Him, in Him alone,
Gloriously complete.

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Order of Worship
June 17, 2012
Father's Day

Prelude

SMC Music Team

Welcome and Announcements

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Immortal, Invisible

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.

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!

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness, according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me... Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean, wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit... The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise (Ps 51:1-5, 7, 9-12, 17).

Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reception of New Members

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend: come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

(*Children ages 4-6 may be dismissed for Children's Church during song*)

Thou Lovely Source of True Delight

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore,
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight that I might love Thee more,
O that I might love Thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines, but in Thy sacred Word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines my bleeding, dying Lord,
See my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, when-e'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise.
Thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
O, my fainting heart's supplied.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, oh come with blissful ray;
Break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
Won't You chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of Thy love,
But the full glories of Thy face are only known above,
They are only known above.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

"Christian Growth – Part 2" 2 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 6:1
Theme: The Means of Grace

Introduction:

- I. What Growth Looks Like
 - A. Knowing what we have in Christ (Ephesians 1:3, 15-23; 3:16-21)
 - B. Appropriating what we have in Christ (Ephesians 4:1ff)
 - C. Perfect blessing/imperfect recipient (Philippians 3:12-19)
- II. The Means by Which We Grow
 - A. The word of God/Gospel (1 Peter 2:2; Romans 1:16)
 - B. Sacraments (1 Corinthians 10:15-16; Romans 4:11)
 - C. Trials (Romans 5:3-5)
 - D. Community (Ephesians 4:8-16)
 - E. Prayer (Hebrews 4:15-16)

Conclusion:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find,
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

O Hope of ev'ry contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show:
The love of Jesus, what it is none but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

Benediction