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Worship Focus

Jesus Heals Our Souls with Forgiveness



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OPENING HYMN

339 – Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day your mer - cy calls us To wash a -
2 To - day your gate is o - pen, And all who
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er



way our sin. How - ev - er great our tres - pass,
en - ter in Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come
Spir - it waits. His bless - ed an - gels gath - er
o - pen Door, What should we do with - out you



What - ev - er we have been, How - ev - er long from
And par - don for their sin. The past shall be for -
A - round the heav'n - ly gates. No ques - tion will be
When heart and eye run o'er? When all things seem a -



mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way, Your pre - cious
got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n, A fu - ture
asked us How of - ten we have come; Al - though we
gainst us, To drive us to de - spair, We know one



blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
grace be prom - ised: A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816-78, alt.
Tune: ANTHES (76 76 D) Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812-after 1857.

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, O Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise!**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight.
Our praises we render; oh, lead us to see
The light of your splendor, your love's majesty! (240:1,4)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 43:18-25

Though Israel had shown outward worship, their hearts were far from God. God's amazing message, however, was that he forgives sinful hearts and sinful people.

ISAIAH 43:18 “Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.

¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the desert
and streams in the wasteland.

²⁰ The wild animals honor me,
the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the desert
and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,

²¹ the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.

²² “Yet you have not called upon me, O Jacob,
you have not wearied yourselves for me, O Israel.

²³ You have not brought me sheep for burnt offerings,
nor honored me with your sacrifices.
I have not burdened you with grain offerings
nor wearied you with demands for incense.

²⁴ You have not bought any fragrant calamus for me,
or lavished on me the fat of your sacrifices.
But you have burdened me with your sins
and wearied me with your offenses.

²⁵ “I, even I, am he who blots out
your transgressions, for my own sake,
and remembers your sins no more.”

PSALM

Psalm 130

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Refrain

Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

Psalm tone

Out of the depths I cry to | you, O LORD;*
O Lord, | hear my voice.

Let your ears be at | tentive*
to my cry for | mercy.

If you, O LORD, kept a rec | ord of sins,*
O Lord, | who could stand?

But with you there is for | giveness;*
therefore | you are feared.

Refrain

I wait for the LORD and in his Word I | put my hope.*
My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the | morning.

O Israel, put your hope | in the LORD,*
for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full re | demption.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

God is not double-minded, rather all his promises to us are “Yes” in Christ.

² CORINTHIANS 1:18 But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.” ¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him it has always been “Yes.” ²⁰ For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. ²¹ Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, ²² set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

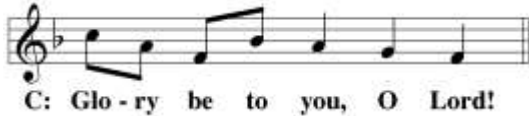
VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Alleluia. (Luke 6:36)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL Mark 2:1-12

For the first time in his book, Mark records the blessed words of Jesus, “Your sins are forgiven.” Jesus truly heals both body and soul.

^{MARK 2:1} A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins . . .” He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”

¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



CONFESSIOIN OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

I believe

HYMN OF THE DAY

354 – Lamb of God, We Fall before You



1 Lamb of God, we fall be - fore you, Hum - bly
 2 Je - sus is the per - fect Sav - ior, On - ly
 3 Je - sus gives us true re - pent - ance By his
 4 Faith he grants us to be - lieve it, Grate - ful
 5 Je - sus gives us pure af - fec - tions, Wills to



trust - ing in your cross. Our great joy is to a -
 source of all that's good; Ev - 'ry grace and ev - 'ry
 Spir - it sent from heav'n, Whis - pers this as - sur - ing
 hearts his love to prize; Want we wis - dom? He must
 do what he re - quires, Makes us fol - low his di -



dore you; All things else are on - ly dross.
 fa - vor Come to us through Je - sus' blood.
 sen - tence, "All your sins are now for - giv'n."
 give it, Hear - ing ears and see - ing eyes,
 rec - tions, And what he com - mands, in - spires.

6 All our prayers and all our praises,
 Rightly offered in his name—
 He that asks for them is Jesus;
 He that answers is the same.

Text: Joseph Hart, 1712-68, alt.
 Tune: RINGE RECHT (87/87) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

SERMON

Mark 2:1-12

Jesus Proves His Authority to Forgive

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to the Lord, who hears our cry and saves us.

Brief silence

Our God and King, we bless and extol Your name forever and ever. If it were not for You, nothing good would dwell in us. We thank You for the baptismal waters that washed us clean and recreated us to be Your people. Help us always to live lives in service to You and in service to our neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The harvest is plentiful and the workers are few. We pray that You would send workers into the harvest. Receive our thanks for all the newly called pastors who have now completed their seminary training and are being ordained and installed where You have placed them. May they remain ever faithful to You and be a blessing to those they serve. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, be with all who are weary and heavy laden by the trials and tribulations of this life. Give comfort to [_____ and] all who suffer illness. Console them with the knowledge that Your yoke is easy and Your burden is light, and that in You they will find rest for their souls. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have delivered us from this body of death and given us the hope of eternal life. Keep us ever mindful of Your promises during our earthly pilgrimage where evil is close at hand and our desire to do good does not match our ability. Allow us to look forward with faith to the time when You will bring us fully into Your everlasting Kingdom, where we will serve You in both mind and flesh. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



1 Re - deemed, re - stored, for - giv - en Through Je - sus'
 2 Once on the drear - y moun - tain We wan - dered
 3 Dear Mas - ter, yours the glo - ry Of each re -
 4 Now keep us, ho - ly Sav - ior, In your true



pre - cious blood, Heirs of his home in heav - en -
 far and wide, Far from the cleans - ing foun - tain,
 cov - ered soul. Ah, who can tell the sto - ry
 love and fear, And grant us by your fa - vor



Oh, praise our par - d'ning God! Praise him in tune - ful
 Far from the pier - ed side. But Je - sus sought and
 Of love that made us whole? Not ours, not ours the
 The grace to per - se - vere Till, in your new cre -



mea - sures Who gave his Son to die; Praise him whose
 found us; Our man - y sins he bore, With cords of
 mer - it; To you a - lone the praise! Give us a
 a - tion, Our earth - ly trou - bles o'er, Heirs of your



sev'n - fold trea - sures En - rich and sanc - ti - fy,
 love he bound us To him for - ev - er - more.
 thank - ful spir - it To serve you all our days,
 free sal - va - tion, We praise you ev - er - more.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.
 Tune: KUORTANE (76 76 D) Finnish folk tune, c. 19th century.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

332 – Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing,
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en,
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished,
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you

Nev - er a - lone. Wak - ing, sleep - ing,
 At peace and pure. Here you learned how
 Clos - er to me; Grow in love and
 And give you peace; I the Lord will

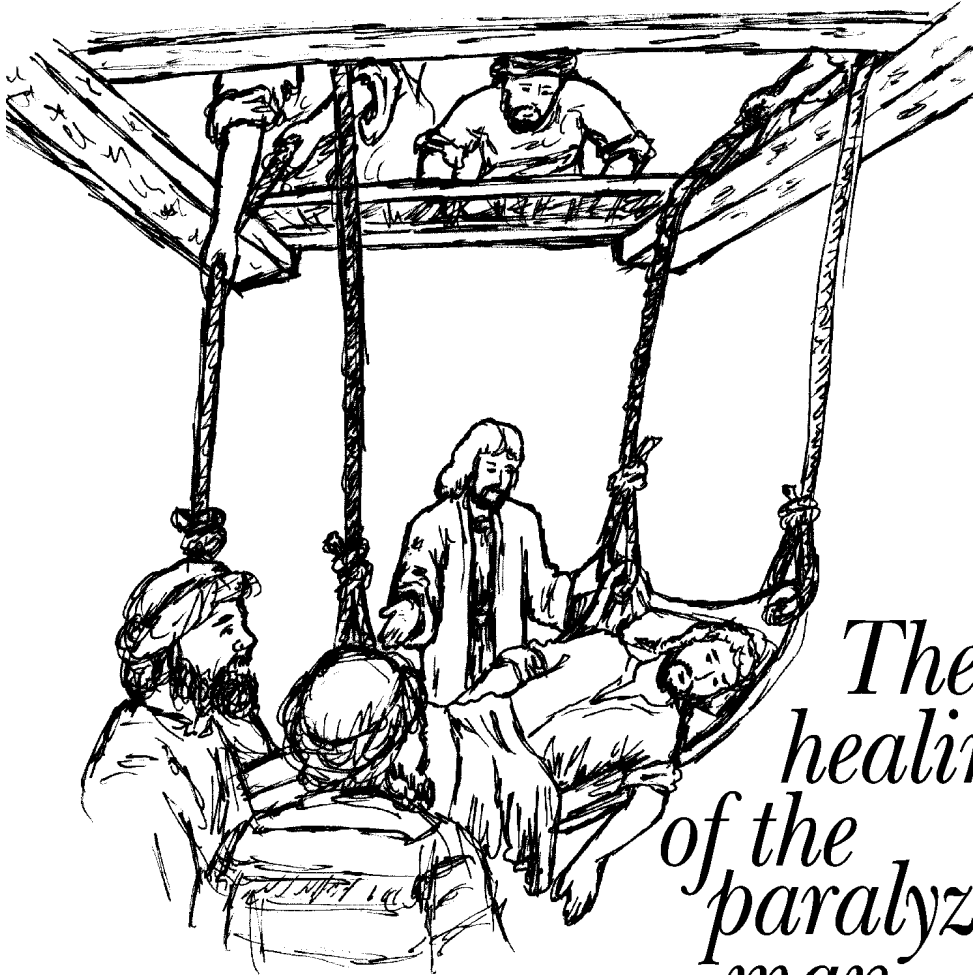
I am with you; You are my own.
 much I love you, What I can cure.
 love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.
 smile up - on you And give you peace;

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior,

made you mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren,
 touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren,
 ten - der com - fort stilled you, Go, my chil - dren,
 Com - fort - er, and Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren;

with my bless - ing— You are my own.
 sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.
 I will keep you And give you peace.

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 Tune: AR HYD Y NGS (84 84 88 84) Welsh melody, 18th century.



*The
healing
of the
paralyzed
man*