

Practicing Righteousness

Scripture for Meditation: *I John 3:4-7*

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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Hymn of Rejoicing: *Come, People of the Risen King*

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Refrain:
Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land—men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands—find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing—shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all”!

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Hymn of Resurrection: *O Praise the Name*

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(Anastasis)

1. I cast my mind to Cal - va - ry, where Je - sus
2. His bod - y bound and drenched in tears, they laid Him
3. Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of
4. He shall re - turn in robes of white; the blaz - ing

bled and died for me; I see His wounds, His hands, His
down in Jo - seph's tomb; the en - trance sealed by heav - y
Heav - en rose a - gain. O tramp - led death, where is your
sun shall pierce the night, and I will rise a - mong the

feet, my Sav - iour on that curs - ed tree.
stone, Mes - si - ah still and all a - lone.
sting? The an - gels roar for Christ the King!
saints, my gaze trans - fixed on Je - sus' face.

O praise the Name of the Lord our God; O
praise His Name fo - ev - er - more. For end - less days we will
sing your praise. O Lord, O Lord, our God.

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Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading: *I Peter 1:14-25*

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written,

“You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who

raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

“All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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Hymn of Surrender: *O Great God*

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart;
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war;
You have loved and purchased me: make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace;
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed;
O great God of highest heaven glorify Your Name through me.

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Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *I Peter 2:24*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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Offertory Hymn of Sanctification: *O God, My Joy*

O God, my joy, You reign above
In radiant splendor and beauty.
Your Word has drawn my heart to love
The awesome sight of Your glory.
Your blazing light and gospel grace
Shine brightly from my Savior’s face.
No other wonder would I see
Than Christ enthroned in His glory!

Sustained by joy in trial and pain,
I trust Your wisdom and mercy.
Through suffering that Your love ordains,
More like Your Son You will make me.
For Christ embraced the cross of shame,
Beholding glorious joys to come.
O give me faith like His to see
That suffering lifts me to glory!

Compelled by joy, I fight the sin
That turns my gaze from Your glory.
Your Holy Spirit dwells within;
His presence arms me for vict’ry.
Let death and hell against me rise;
Through death I’ll gain eternal joys.
All pow’rs of hell will bend the knee
Before my great King of glory!

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Hymn of Supplication: *Nearer, Still Nearer**

Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart,
Draw me, my Savior, so precious Thou art;
Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast,
Shelter me safe in that “Haven of Rest,”
Shelter me safe in that “Haven of Rest.”

Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring,
Naught as an offering to Jesus my King;
Only my sinful, now contrite heart,
Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart,
Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart.

Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be Thine,
Sin with its follies I gladly resign,
All of its pleasures, pomp, and its pride;
Give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified,
Give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.

Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last,
Till safe in glory my anchor is cast;
Through endless ages, ever to be
Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee,
Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee.

Leila N. Morris, 1862-1929
*Children under first grade may leave during this song.

Ministry of the Word

Church Info

Service Times
SUNDAY
9:15 am Corporate Prayer Service
10:30 am Corporate Worship Service

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK
Shepherding Groups
*A nursery is available for all services.
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The safest road to Hell is the gradual one—the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.

C. S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*