

# Words for Worship Sunday, September 27, 2020

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Lord God, You alone are just and holy. Forgive me for the ways I willingly participate in the sins of the world. Even when I try to do right, it so often comes out wrong. Forgive me, renew me, and show me how to live for the sake of others. Amen.

## LITANY of a Downcast Soul – Portions of Psalm 42

P: My soul is downcast within me...

**C: Deep calls to deep...**

P: I say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me?"

**C: Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?"**

P: My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me,

**C: Saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?"**

P: Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?

**C: Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.**

## WORSHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I know You have not forgotten me, but sometimes I forget that. I know You are with me. I know You have not abandoned this world. I remember how You took the sins and suffering of the world upon Yourself on the cross. May my soul and the souls of all who worship You be filled, healed, and strengthened by Your presence. Amen.

## OPENING SONG

*Hear My Voice*

You are the only one that brings me peace  
You are the only one where hope is seen  
The mercy You've given is more than I deserve  
So I lay it down so I can heed Your word

Hear my voice, I raise to You  
With honor and praise all glory is due  
I lay it down all at Your feet  
With lifted hands it's You we seek

You are the only one that brings me truth  
You are the only one that makes me new  
The grace You've given a gift for all to see  
This is why I give You everything

To You we seek, come on Jesus  
And I will seek Your face

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## SCRIPTURE - From Downcast Faces to Hearts Burning Within

### Luke 24:13-32

Lector: Stuart Korshavn

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of [the followers of Jesus] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast.

<sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup> "What things?" he asked...

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<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

## SERMON

"Why, My Soul, are You Downcast?"

Pastor Luther Swenson

## Word of God Speak

I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
And the funny thing is it's okay  
The last thing I need is to be heard  
But to hear what You would say

I'm finding myself in the midst of You  
Beyond the music, beyond the noise  
All that I need is to be with You  
And in the quiet hear Your voice

Word of God speak  
Would You pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see  
Your majesty  
To be still and know  
That You're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest  
In Your holiness  
Word of God speak

I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
And the funny thing is it's okay

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Trustworthy Lord, You have abundantly shared with us so that we may share with others. Accept these our offerings by which Your good work is done through our ministries and beyond. Amen.

## PRAYER RESPONSE:

We pray using the response, "**May we be rooted in Christ.**"

## HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Renew our zeal in faith and life and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts so that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy meal.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD (sung)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## BENEDICTION AND SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. Live like you have a Savior.

**Response: Thanks be to God!**

## SENDING SONG

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore Thee;  
may I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:  
"Hither by Thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed His precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for Thy courts above.

*Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.*