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### **OPENING HYMN:**

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never be - fore, O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song a -gain
What - ever may pass and what - ever lies
be - fore me
Let me be singing when the eve - ning

Let me be singing when the eve - ning comes

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never be - fore, O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never be - fore O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise un ending

Ten thousand years and then for - ev - er - more

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never be - fore O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never be - fore O my soul I'll worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name

### \*THE INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## **RESPONSIVE PSALM:** Psalm 25:1-10

- **P** ¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- <sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.
- Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- <sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD; each me your paths.
- Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.
- <sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
- <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
- <sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- P <sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
- <sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### \*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.
- O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Genesis 22:1-18

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering. my son." So they went both of them together. 9When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." 12He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." <sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup> and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

### **EPISTLE READING:** James 1:12-18

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. <sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

1 How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your lovingkindness

Tore through the shadows of my soul The work is finished the end is written Jesus Christ my living hope

2 Who could imagine so great a mercy What heart could fathom such boundless grace

The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus (x2)

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

3 Then came the morning that sealed the promise

Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.

Repeat x1

Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Chorus (x2)

Jesus Christ my living hope Oh God You are my living hope

\*HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the first chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

### \*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

**SERMON HYMN** 

O Come To The Altar

by Elevation Worship Publishing

1 Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

2 Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born

Jesus is calling

Chorus (x2)

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen Repeat x1

Chorus (x2)

3 Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

**SERMON** 

**OFFERING** 

\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### \*THE LORDS PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS:**

I Will Trust My Saviour Jesus

by CityAlight

I will trust my saviour Jesus When my darkest doubts befall Trust Him when to simply trust Him Seems the hardest thing of all

I will trust my saviour Jesus
Trust Him when my strength is small
For I know the shield of Jesus
Is the safest place of all

Jesus, only Jesus
Help me trust You more and more
Jesus, only Jesus
May my heart be ever Yours

I will trust my saviour Jesus He has said His way is best And I know the path He's chosen Leads to everlasting rest

Jesus, only Jesus Help me trust You more and more Jesus, only Jesus May my heart be ever Yours (Repeat x1)

Oh on that cross, how it was seen
I can go now ever trusting in the One who
died for me

What could I bring, for Your gift is complete

So I trust You, simply trust You, Lord with every part of me

Oh on that cross, how it was seen
I can go now ever trusting in the One who
died for me
What could I bring, for Your gift is
complete

So I trust You, simply trust You, Lord with every part of me (Repeat x1)

Jesus, only Jesus
Help me trust You more and more
Jesus, only Jesus
May my heart be ever Yours
(Repeat x1)

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

by Reawaken Hymns

1 Come thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the Mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

I shall see Thy lovely face
Clothed then in the blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace
Come my Lord no longer tarry
Take my ransomed soul away
Send Thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless day

4 Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

#### Holy Spirit

### by Francesca Batestelli

There's nothing worth more That could ever come close No thing can compare You're our living hope Your presence, Lord I've tasted and seen Of the sweetest of loves Where my heart becomes free And my shame is undone Your presence, Lord Holy Spirit, You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your presence, Lord Your presence, Lord There's nothing worth more That could ever come close No thing can compare You're our living hope Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord
Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord
Your presence, Lord
Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
(Repeat x4)

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your presence, Lord

#### **CLOSING SONG:**

# Graves Into Gardens

Man's empty praise and treasures that fade Are never enough Then You came along and put me back together And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love (Chorus) Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You 2 I'm not afraid to show You my weakness My failures and flaws Lord You've seen them all And You still call me friend 'Cause the God of the mountain Is the God of the valley There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again (Chorus) x2

1 I searched the world but it couldn't fill me

Bridge 1
You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can
Bridge 2
You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can

You're the only one who can

(Chorus) x2

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can Repeat x1

You're the only one who can

#### \*BENEDICTION

- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.
- C Amen.