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Family Service
With Rev Gillian Rooney

All Are Welcome Here

One: Even before we knew or could respond,
All: God has been with us and for us.
One: In all our times of trouble,
All: God has been with us and for us.
One: Now it is time for us to choose whom we will serve.
All: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Hymn CH5 196

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength,
we gladly choose You now.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are
God.
One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.

Brian Doerksen
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Prayer & Lord's Prayer

HYMN - 251

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my Word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

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All Age Time

Sing to God from every city,
sing to God from every land,
sing God's praise in every language,
lifting up your hearts and hands.
Raise your voices, all God's people,
sing your songs of hope and faith;
God will come to bring us justice,
God is present in our praise.

Sing to God from every city,
every suburb, every scheme;
every place where raw injustice
tramples lives and shatters dreams.
In our pain, God's peaceful Spirit
sighs and longs for liberty.
In our prayers, God's fiery Spirit

prays and hopes and intercedes.

Sing to God from every city,
where God's rainbow people live;
God who knows and speaks our language,
sees our difference, knows our gifts.
Sing to drown the noise of hatred,
sing to shame the powers that be,
sing to celebrate the Maker,
God of justice, love and peace.

Sing to God from every city,
filled with colour, sound and light,
where both young and old are dancing,
celebrating love and life.
Bring your work and play and laughter,
bring your lives and offer them.
Sing to Jesus in the city,
bringing New Jerusalem.

Doug Gay 1950 (Scotland)

Joshua 24:1-13 - SCRIPTURE READING

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Joshua said to all the people, 'This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the River Euphrates and worshipped other gods. But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac, and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I assigned the hill country of Seir to Esau, but Jacob and his family went down to Egypt. "'Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I afflicted the Egyptians by what I did there, and I brought you out. When I brought your people out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued them with chariots and horsemen as far as the Red Sea. But they cried to the Lord for help, and he put darkness between you and the Egyptians; he brought the sea over them and covered them. You saw with your own eyes what I did to the Egyptians. Then you lived in the wilderness for a long time. "'I brought you to the land of the Amorites who lived east of the Jordan. They fought against you, but I gave them into your hands. I destroyed them from before you, and you took possession of their land. When Balak son of Zippor, the king of Moab, prepared to fight against Israel, he sent for Balaam son of Beor to put a curse on you. But I would not listen to Balaam, so he blessed you again and again, and I delivered you out of his hand. "'Then you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho. The citizens of Jericho fought against you, as did also the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites and Jebusites, but I gave them into your hands. I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove them out before you – also the two Amorite kings. You did not do it with your own sword and bow. So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant."

Reflection 1

Joshua 24:14- 27

‘Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshipped beyond the River Euphrates and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.’ Then the people answered, ‘Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we travelled. And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.’ Joshua said to the people, ‘You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.’ But the people said to Joshua, ‘No! We will serve the Lord.’

Then Joshua said, ‘You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord.’ ‘Yes, we are witnesses,’ they replied.

‘Now then,’ said Joshua, ‘throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.’

And the people said to Joshua, ‘We will serve the Lord our God and obey him.’

On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws. And Joshua recorded these things in the Book of the Law of God. Then he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak near the holy place of the Lord. ‘See!’ he said to all the people. ‘This stone will be a witness against us. It has heard all the words the Lord has said to us. It will be a witness against you if you are untrue to your God.’

Matt 4:8-10

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ‘All this I will give you,’ he said, ‘if you will bow down and worship me.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Away from me, Satan! For it is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”’

Reflection 2

Hymn MP 25

All to Jesus I surrender,
all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
in His presence daily live

All to Jesus I surrender,
humbly at His feet I bow;
worldly pleasures all forsaken,
take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender,
make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly knowing Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
fill me with Thy love and power,
let Thy blessing fall on me.

All to Jesus, I surrender,
now I feel the sacred flame;
oh, the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to His name!

*I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to Thee, my blessed Saviour,
I surrender all.*

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Announcements
Offering
Prayer of Intercession

Hymn - CH4 200

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the Church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today:
with your constant loving-kindness,
hear your servants as they pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

Here bestow on all your servants
what they ask of you to gain,
what they gain from you for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory
while unending ages run.

7th or 8th century

translated John Mason Neale (1818–1866) (alt.)

Benediction

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