

Simply Faith

FAITH OF A MAN

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AS WE GATHER

Jesus was fully God – yet also fully man. In the Garden of Gethsemane, we see Jesus, the Son of Man, struggling desperately with the weight of the world's sin laid on Him. He felt every pain, every guilt, every wickedness of humanity that has been or will be experienced. He knew the cross that lay ahead – the righteous judgment of God against sin. He knew He bore that sin. Could not this cup of suffering be lifted off Him? Yet, His death as our substitute would be required in order that we would be set free.

Jesus, true Man, trusted the will of the Heavenly Father that the Son would suffer for our sin – the will that sets you and me free. And when we struggle to grasp the will of the Father, we draw on the example of the Son of Man who trusted His Heavenly Father. In prayer we submit our will to His perfect will. Faith trusts Him even when we don't understand.

INVOCATION

WE LIVE BY FAITH

1 Cor. 2:5; Hebrews 12:2; 2 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 4:14

We are drawn together to hear truth from the Word of God, "so that our faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power."

Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

We live by faith and not by sight. Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess!

WE SING

"Oh, How He Loves You And Me"

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:6-13

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

⁸"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

¹⁰As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

¹²You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:42

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:36-46

³⁶Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

³⁹Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

⁴⁰Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. ⁴¹"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴²He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

⁴³When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

⁴⁵Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

KIDS' TIME

MEDITATION

"Faith Of A Man"

WE PRAY WITH DAVID FROM HIS PSALMS*

Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation. Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me. In You, O Lord, I put my trust. Do not leave me, O Lord, my God.

MARTIN LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE SING *"When I Behold Jesus Christ"* **LSB #542**

BENEDICTION

WE SING *"Trust In The Lord"*

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