ORDINATION SERVICE FOR CHRIS BRESLIN

Psalm 138 | 2 Timothy 1:3-14

Our song shall rise to thee.



HOLY HOLY HOLY
HEBER/DYKES

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, Casting down their golden crowns

Around the glassy sea

Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before thee,

Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, Perfect in power, in love and purity.

> Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, In Earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons Blessed Trinity.

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WELCOME & PSALM READING

MARK ACUFF

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me

When the world's "all as it should be"

Blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

CHORUS

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

CHORUS

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GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER

WILLIAMS/HUGHES

Guide me, O thou Great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty, Hold me with Thy powerful hand; Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer; Be thou still my strength and shield; Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

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HERE I AM LORD SCHUTTE

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 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 words to them. Whom shall I send?

CHORUS

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. 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, 'Til their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

CHORUS

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As the children are dismissed to participate in Gathering Kids activities, find someone you don't know, welcome them, and exchange a sign of Christ's welcome and peace.

SERMON & CHARGE Dr. Curtis Freeman

CONGREGATIONAL READING

All God's people are called to ministry.

All who are baptized into Jesus Christ and have received the Holy Spirit are called to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, and one another, In the fellowship of the Church and in all that they do.

God gives gifts to all, so that, like a body, all may share in the purposes of Christ for the world which God has made and for which Jesus Christ has died.

All are called to be disciples. All are called to be servants of God, in Christ Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Yet God calls some to servant leadership in the Church and these are to be honored among us.

None may take this office upon themselves. Today we acknowledge our dependence upon God and seek to do his will. We have sought God's guidance and prayerfully tested the calling of Chris within the local and the wider church.

Now we gather in the name of Jesus Christ to ordain Chris as a Christian minister and to seek God's blessing through the power and graces of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ORDINATION VOWS ORDINATION COUNCIL

LAYING OF HANDS

ORDINATION COUNCIL & MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Following the practive of the early Church, we formally set Chris apart with the laying on of hands. In this act of ordination, representatives of the wider Church will share with those representing local congregations, for we are all ordaining Christ to Christian ministry in the whole Church of Jesus Christ.

VITO'S ORDINATION SONG
STEVENS

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YOU NEVER LET GO REDMAN

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back, I know you are near

And I will fear no evil For my God is with me And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Oh no, You never let go Through the calm and through the storm Oh no, You never let go In every high and every low Oh no, You never let go Lord, You never let go of me And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on
A Glorious Light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

PRECHORUS CHORUS

Yes, I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You

CHORUS

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PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW (DOXOLOGY)

THOMAS/MAINZER

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures here below! Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

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HAPPENINGS (www.allgather.org/calendar)

PRESENT BEFORE GOD

CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER

ENGAGED IN THE WORLD

PRAYERS FOR HALLIE: Thanks for your continued prayers for Hallie Crawford. Her parents, Bob & Melanie have set up a website to track her progress, create a profile and receive updates: http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/hallieelizabethcrawford.

GATHERING KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

Join in the fun of practicing and preparing for our first ever Kids Christmas Program. All kids are invited to participate! Rehearsals will take place on Sundays after church (Oct 16-Dec 4) from 12:15-12:45 in the Music Room at Creekside. To get in on the fun, contact Claire Greene (bcbroyhill@gmail.com).

HOME GROUPS: If you are interested in getting plugged into a group (or even starting a group of your own!) please see Chris Breslin (chris@allgather.org) and visit www.allgather.org/community/homegroups.

ACUFF GROUP: Mark's group study of *Just Walk Across the Room* will seek to help you understand your faith and describe it to others in a meaningful way. It will begin to meet this Tuesday night at 7:30pm. See Mark for more info.

LOWNDES HOME GROUP: Begins this Tuesday evening in Durham at 7:30pm, see Curt for more info.

DATE NIGHT GROUP: Focused on relationships, this 4-week series will follow Andy Stanley's *Staying in Love*. This group will meet for a limited time (Oct 21, 28, Nov 4, 11) at 7:30pm. There is no cost to attend. Talk to Steve Kurtz for details

REALITY MINISTRIES FUNDRAISING EVENT: Chili-cookers needed! We will again be supporting Reality's Annual Celebration Fundraiser on Thursday November 3rd by providing Chili! We still need 11 out of 20 crocks (15 meat and 5 veggie) each feeding 10-12 people, plus a serving utensil, both labeled with their name, drop off by 6pm on Thursday, Nov 3rd. You don't need to stay for the dinner but it's a great opportunity to learn more about Reality. Contact reneegambill@gmail.com If you are interested in supporting this awesome organization in this way.

COMMUNICATION: To have an announcement included email: happenings@allgather.org.

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