

WHEN I COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

I come not because I am worthy; not for any righteousness of mine, for I have sinned and fallen short of what, by God's help, I might have been.

I come, not that there is any magic in partaking of the symbols for Christ's body and blood.

But I come, because Christ bids me come. It is His table and He invites me.

I come, because it is an memorial to Him -- as oft as it is done in remembrance of Him. And when I remember Him -- His life, His sufferings and death, I find myself humbling myself in His presence and bowing before Him in worship.

I come, because here is portrayed Christian self-denial, and I am taught very forcibly the virtues of sacrifice on behalf of another, sacrifice which has salvation in it.

I come, because here I have the opportunity to acknowledge my unworthiness and to make a new start.

I come, because here I find comfort and peace.

I come, because I rise from this place with new strength, courage, and power, to live for Him who died for me.

When The Answer Knocks At The Door

The Situation

- ① The Bitter Persecution Against The Church
 - Many killed including James with the sword.
 - Arrested Peter with 4 squads of soldiers.
- ② Earnest Prayer Was Offered
 - The Church Interceded.
- ③ The Deliverance of Peter
 - Sleeping Between Guards
 - Then came Angel, Light and Deliverance
- ④ Came to Home of Mary, Mother of John Mark
 - Could have been home when Jesus ate.
 - Knocked at Door.
- ⑤ The Response To His Answer
 - The Mind reports in great joy.
 - Uncer disbelief, "You're Mad."
 - Persistent knocking and finally belief.

Matters of Belief

- ① Our questions about:
 - The Reality of God.
 - The Meaning of Christ.
 - Participation in the Christian Community.
- ② We say we want to believe.
 - Yet I will not investigate all the facts.
 - Only the negations
 - We will not investigate the evidence of believers.
- ③ The final Leap or Movement in the Personal Leap.

Our Inner, Hidden Problems

- ① We all live with inner conflicts and dilemmas
 - Guilt and conscience.
 - Innocence and fear
- ② We say we want to get over this, but do we?
 - The Gospel with its offer knows It.
 - We cannot be centered in self and accept
 - Like Peter on the water.

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We pray for God's love and power in our midst.

① Since as the conversion of someone,

- Yet when it happens we will not believe.

② Since as the healing of human relationships

- But we get in the way ourselves,

③ For something really deep to happen in our
world.

- But we do not believe this world is
in God's hands.

We go through all the motions, with reservations

① We pray, we go to church, we work,

② But we really think it will happen
some other way.

③ This is not something I do, it is
something I accept as the outcome.

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His Is What Communion Is All Along - The
Answer Is At The Door.

- ① That God really loves -
 - Even though I am a coward, or a
frenzy or a traitor.
- ② That God offers Himself - All His Resources
 - At the Cross He gives everything.
- ③ That God will not give up on me
 - He will keep loving me in spite
of everything.
 - He will out-pace me.

The Resurrection are at the Door
- The call His Week.

Greetings

Wednesday Evening

R. W. Foster

Youth Month

Bill Gibson -
Youth Leaders

Scripture
& Prayers

- Mother - Daughter

2-4 Carol

School of Missions

- Mr. & Kempton Cull

Mrs. Anna Svenson

- Flowers

- Moment of Memory

Lord's Supper

- When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Offering

- Verily I say unto you Whosoever as
ye have done it unto one of the least of these my
brethren, ye have done it unto me.

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

February 5, 1961

Nine-thirty and Eleven O'Clock

"If any man be in Christ he is a new creation: behold, old things have passed away and all things have become new."

THY OWN DEAR PRESENCE TO GUIDE AND TO CHEER

Prelude— *"O God Our Help in Ages Past" _____ Noble

**"Salvation Has Come to Us" _____ Karg-Elert

"Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me" _____ Bingham

Choral Call to Worship— *"We Come Before Thy Presence"
**"The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

Processional Hymn—"O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling" _____ 529
Invocation

Lord's Prayer and Gloria

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THERE IS NO SHADOW OF TURNING WITH THEE

The Reading of the Holy scriptures—Acts 12: 1-17

Choral Call to Prayer— *Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire"
**"Hear Us, Our Father"

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response— *"Hear Me, O God"

***"Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer"

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ALL I HAVE NEEDED THY HAND HATH PROVIDED

Christian Greetings and Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Receiving our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem— *"My Heart Ever Faithful" _____ Bach

***"Open Our Eyes" _____ McFarlane

Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus,
That we may see to follow Thee,
That we may behold Thee walking beside us in our sorrow.
Thou hast made death glorious and triumphant,
For through its portals we enter into the presence of the living God.
Open our eyes, Amen.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

STRENGTH FOR TODAY AND BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW

Communion Meditation by Pastor Fredrikson—

"When The Answer Knocks At The Door"

Organ Meditation

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion Solo— *"Feed My Sheep" _____ Faulkner

Sherry Hunter, mezzo soprano

**"Arise, Shine For Thy Light Has Come" _____ McDermid

Lois Harchanko, mezzo soprano

The Taking of the Cup

Receiving the Deacon's Offering

PARDON FOR SIN AND A PEACE THAT ENDURETH

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" _____ 388

Benediction

Postlude

Mr. Lamont Reichelt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Greetings - Wednesday Evening } Bill Nelson
2. Mother-Daughter Tea - Baron } 2-4 Scripture
3. School of Missions -- Mr. Kenyon Cull

4. Flowers are given by the family of Mrs. Anna Swenson.

5. Moment of Memory -- Mrs. Anna Swenson - 92 yrs.

- When I Survey the Wonders, Cross

6. Lord's Supper

Offering

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