The Story from Which We Are Delivered

Introduction
1. The Story of Joseph and His Brothers.
2. The Famine and the Sale into Egypt.
4. He Arrives in Egypt, and The Reconciliation.

The Story of the Captivity
1. His Land of Egypt was Not Their Home.
   - The first few situations seemed wonderful.
     - Peace and security.
     - But they did not bring forth Jacob there.
     - Then Joseph and the friendly Pharaoh were gone.
     - The promises were forgotten.
   - How they were strangers.
2. And in His Land There Was A Certain False Security.
   - Then they could live.
   - There was peace and security.
   - They could go on a regular routine.
   - They did not need to do their own thinking.
Her Was the Hand of Their Bondage
- Their Destiny was in the Hands of Another.
- The Whims and Fancies of a Dictator.
- They were forced to build tremendous cities.
- Their Male Children were killed.

"They sel taskmasters over them to affix them with heavy burden."

"They made their lives bitter with hard service."

Here Is Our Inner, Spiritual Bondage
The Way We Become Enslaved.

1. To become comfortable among fleshly, animal
   - The fleshly affairs that really excite us.
   - Good food, good living, a little, idle chatter, a drink now and then.

2. Then Is the Delight That We Feel the Show
   - We Are Quite Apart. We live by our laws.
   - Man Always Becomes the Center.
   - From the Garden Until Now.
   - We Determine the Truth and Make the Rules.
   - We're not certain the old rule, unless
   - So we will take the pragmatic approach.
3. Do we construct Our own Little Manageable God.
   - A Religion that will make us feel good.
   - Give us Peace of Mind and Success.
   - A Religion that is like a Magnificent Santa Claus.
   - Keep Jesus and the Whole Affair in tinsel.
   - No love, no heartache, no cross.
The End of Our Bondage

1. We Are Not Satisfied.
   - We Are Haunted by the Sense of God.
   - The Films of Rome Indicate Him! The Bankruptcy.
     - We Call God
     - Two Women - "Mother and Daughter are raped in the broken and empty chalice under the motionless eyes of the Virgin."

2. La Dolce Vita - The Ashes and Swinging Statue of Eichmann's suspended over the city of Rome.
   - We Are Spiritual Men.
   - There Is A Great Gentleness, An Unreason.
   - We Are Strangers To God and Man!

After a few bars from a Becher figure, Strine to Marcello!
"Listen! It's like a sound from another world, a sound we can no longer hear."

2. We Become Enslaved
   - We Cannot Manage Ourselves, for We Are Dependent Creatures.
   - Do We Live In Our Negatives.
     - We Are Brock
     - We Are Guilty
     - We Are Fearful and Worned.
(3) Do we become the people of the Great Paradox

- We are powerful – yet we are fearful.

- Twenty years ago - the Atomic Age

- We spend millions to make ourselves

  laugh a la Old Skelton or Jackie Gleason.

- And we are building bigger and

  better mental institutions.

- We are obsessed with rules, on individual,

  fame and getting along and yet

  we cannot live together.
The Face of God's Deliverance

1. It was God Who Delivered the People from bondage;

   "I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians."

2. Is It Then God Who Will Deliver Us?

   - The Reality of That Other Hand

Ericsson, the friend of Ole Bull, the great violinist, who repaired the broken violin, Ericsson had his ear for music, but when Bull played in the shop, he cried: "Ole, Ole, We can ear for Music after all."

- The Face of God's Deliverance.

Vizzia, Hugo's Le Miserables

Jean Valjean stolen the Bishop's silver candlesticks and committed high treason. Then arrested, then the bishop offered him the candlesticks.

Jean Valjean, my brother: you belong no longer to evil, but good.

It is your soul that I am buying for you. I withdraw it from dark thoughts and from the spirit of perdition, and give it to God.
Colossians

"He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son."
December 9, 1962

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

"But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH
Organ Prelude—
Call to Worship
Processional Hymn—"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" 182
The Lighting of the Candle
Invocation
Lord's Prayer and Gloria

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Anthem— *Senior High Choir
***"The Christmas Story"  Goldsworthy
Sanctuary and Junior Choirs

GLAD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY
Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Colossians 1: 9-24
Choral Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

THE SON OF GOD IS COME
Christian Greetings
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings
Organ Offertory—
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIM HIM KING
Vocal Solo— *"The Birthday of The King" Neidlinger
Karen Smit, soprano
***"No Candle Was There and No Fire" Lehmann
Mrs. Merle Schmidt, soprano
Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—"The Land From Which We Are Delivered"

LET LOVING HEARTS ENTRONE HIM
Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Come Unto Me, Ye Weary" 277
Benediction
Choral Response
Postlude

*First Service Only  **Second Service Only  ***Ushers may seat latecomers

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the main door, Pastor Babcock at the side door and Pastor Rowe at the balcony door.

The Service this morning over KELO is sponsored by Joan Meyer.
EVENING SERVICE
7:30 P.M.

Prelude
The Singing of Christmas Hymns
Greetings and Announcements
Special Music by Junior High and Senior High Choirs
Call to Prayer
Prayer
Prayer Response
Receiving the Offering
Evening Message by Pastor Rowe—"A Meditation on the Wise Men"
Hymn of Invitation
Benediction—Closing Moments—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Postlude

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, 2:00 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
3:30 p.m.—SFC Recital in Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.—Junior High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.—Family Life Classes
8:45 p.m.—All Youth Singspiration

MONDAY, 3:30 p.m.—Brownies in Youth Room
7:00 p.m.—Explorers in Youth Room
7:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts in Parlor

TUESDAY, 9:00 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study
10:00 a.m.—XYZ in Parlor
4:00 p.m.—Brownies in Youth Room
6:45 p.m.—Webelos in Youth Room
7:00 p.m.—Church Calling

WEDNESDAY, 6:45 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study at YMCA
4:00 p.m.—Junior Choir Rehearsal and Party
6:15 p.m.—Fellowship Supper in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service
7:00 p.m.—Senior High Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 1:15 p.m.—Senior Philathea Christmas Potluck in Youth Room
7:00 p.m.—Scouts in Youth Room
7:30 p.m.—Junior Philathelias in Parlor

FRIDAY, 4:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts in Youth Room
7:00 p.m.—SFC Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, 7:00 p.m.—Golden Circle in Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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