

WORDS OF WELCOME — PASTOR LATAYA SIMPSON

CALL TO WORSHIP

FRIENDS, CALL TO MIND THE MIGHTY ACTS OF GOD.
REMEMBER THE WONDERS GOD HAS REVEALED IN YOUR LIFE.

ALL THE WAYS OF GOD ARE HOLY.
NOTHING IN HEAVEN OR EARTH IS SO GREAT AS GOD.

WITH A STRONG ARM, GOD REDEEMS THE PEOPLE. DAY BY DAY, GOD LEADS US WITH A SHEPHERD'S CARE.

EVEN WHEN THE EARTH TREMBLES, GOD IS WITH US.
WHEN LIGHTNING FLASHES, WE ARE CONFIDENT OF GOD'S CARE.

WE HAVE INHERITED THE MISSION OF THE PROPHETS. WE NEED THE PROPHET'S MANTLE FROM OUR GOD.

SO WE HAVE COME TO BE EQUIPPED FOR OUR TASKS.
WE HAVE GATHERED SO THAT GOD CAN RENEW OUR LIVES.

LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER.

SONG OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION — PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN

GOD OF LIFE, DO NOT DARKEN LIGHT TO US.

DO NOT LIMIT YOUR JOY IN US.

DO NOT SHUT YOUR DOOR TO US.

GOD OF LIFE, DO NOT REFUSE US YOUR MERCY.

O GOD OF LIFE, ETERNITY CANNOT HOLD YOU,
NOR CAN OUR LITTLE WORDS CATCH THE MAGNIFICENCE OF YOUR KINDNESS.
YET IN THE SPACE OF OUR SMALL HEARTS AND IN SILENCE
YOU CAN COME CLOSE AND REPAIR US.

(SILENCE)

O GOD OF LIFE, GRANT US YOUR FORGIVENESS
FOR OUR CARELESS THOUGHTS,
FOR OUR THOUGHTLESS DEEDS,
FOR OUR EMPTY SPEECH,
AND FOR THE WORDS WITH WHICH WE WOUNDED.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (CONTINUED)

O GOD OF LIFE, GRANT US YOUR FORGIVENESS FOR OUR FALSE DESIRES, FOR OUR HATEFUL ACTIONS, FOR OUR WASTEFULNESS, AND FOR ALL WE LEFT UNTENDED.

O LOVING CHRIST,
HANGED ON A TREE YET RISEN IN THE MORNING,
SCATTER THE SIN FROM OUR SOULS AS THE MIST FROM THE HILLS;
BEGIN WHAT WE DO, INFORM WHAT WE SAY, REDEEM WHO WE ARE.

O GOD OF LIFE, GRANT US YOUR FORGIVENESS. YOU ARE OUR HOPE THIS DAY AND FOREVERMORE. AMEN.

WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT WE HAVE SINNED,
IT IS A GREATER TRUTH THAT WE ARE FORGIVEN THROUGH GOD'S LOVE IN JESUS CHRIST.
TO ALL WHO HUMBLY SEEK THE MERCY OF GOD I SAY,
IN JESUS CHRIST YOUR SIN IS FORGIVEN.

THANKS BE TO GOD. AMEN.

LAMENT — PSALM 42 — PASTOR LATAYA SIMPSON

¹AS A DEER LONGS FOR FLOWING STREAMS, SO MY SOUL LONGS FOR YOU, O GOD. ²MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR GOD, FOR THE LIVING GOD. WHEN SHALL I COME AND BEHOLD THE FACE OF GOD? 3MY TEARS HAVE BEEN MY FOOD DAY AND NIGHT, WHILE PEOPLE SAY TO ME CONTINUALLY, "WHERE IS YOUR GOD?" 4THESE THINGS I REMEMBER, AS I POUR OUT MY SOUL: HOW I WENT WITH THE THRONG, AND LED THEM IN PROCESSION TO THE HOUSE OF GOD, WITH GLAD SHOUTS AND SONGS OF THANKSGIVING, A MULTITUDE KEEPING FESTIVAL. 5WHY ARE YOU CAST DOWN, O MY SOUL, AND WHY ARE YOU DISQUIETED WITHIN ME? HOPE IN GOD; FOR I SHALL AGAIN PRAISE HIM, MY HELP 6AND MY GOD. MY SOUL IS CAST DOWN WITHIN ME; THEREFORE I REMEMBER YOU FROM THE LAND OF JORDAN AND OF HERMON, FROM MOUNT MIZAR. ⁷DEEP CALLS TO DEEP AT THE THUNDER OF YOUR CATARACTS; ALL YOUR WAVES AND YOUR BILLOWS HAVE GONE OVER ME. 8BY DAY THE LORD COMMANDS HIS STEADFAST LOVE, AND AT NIGHT HIS SONG IS WITH ME, A PRAYER TO THE GOD OF MY LIFE. 9I SAY TO GOD, MY ROCK, "WHY HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ME? WHY MUST I WALK ABOUT MOURNFULLY BECAUSE THE ENEMY OPPRESSES ME?" 10 AS WITH A DEADLY WOUND IN MY BODY, MY ADVERSARIES TAUNT ME, WHILE THEY SAY TO ME CONTINUALLY, "WHERE IS YOUR GOD?" "WHY ARE YOU CAST DOWN, O MY SOUL, AND WHY ARE YOU DISQUIETED WITHIN ME? HOPE IN GOD; FOR I SHALL AGAIN PRAISE HIM, MY HELP AND MY GOD.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER — HAILEY JEROME

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME; THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD. AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.

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SONG OF PRAISE

SCRIPTURE + SERMON — PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN

DANIEL 2:26-35

²⁶THE KING SAID TO DANIEL, WHOSE NAME WAS BELTESHAZZAR, "ARE YOU ABLE TO TELL ME THE DREAM THAT I HAVE SEEN AND ITS INTERPRETATION?" ²⁷DANIEL ANSWERED THE KING, "NO WISE MEN, ENCHANTERS, MAGICIANS, OR DIVINERS CAN SHOW TO THE KING THE MYSTERY THAT THE KING IS ASKING, ²⁸BUT THERE IS A GOD IN HEAVEN WHO REVEALS MYSTERIES, AND HE HAS DISCLOSED TO KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE END OF DAYS. YOUR DREAM AND THE VISIONS OF YOUR HEAD AS YOU LAY IN BED WERE THESE: ²⁹TO YOU, O KING, AS YOU LAY IN BED, CAME THOUGHTS OF WHAT WOULD BE HEREAFTER, AND THE REVEALER OF MYSTERIES DISCLOSED TO YOU WHAT IS TO BE. ³⁰BUT AS FOR ME, THIS MYSTERY HAS NOT BEEN REVEALED TO ME BECAUSE OF ANY WISDOM THAT I HAVE MORE THAN ANY OTHER LIVING BEING, BUT IN ORDER THAT THE INTERPRETATION MAY BE KNOWN TO THE KING AND THAT YOU MAY UNDERSTAND THE THOUGHTS OF YOUR MIND.

31"YOU WERE LOOKING, O KING, AND LO! THERE WAS A GREAT STATUE. THIS STATUE WAS HUGE, ITS BRILLIANCE EXTRAORDINARY; IT WAS STANDING BEFORE YOU, AND ITS APPEARANCE WAS FRIGHTENING. 32THE HEAD OF THAT STATUE WAS OF FINE GOLD, ITS CHEST AND ARMS OF SILVER, ITS MIDDLE AND THIGHS OF BRONZE, 33ITS LEGS OF IRON, ITS FEET PARTLY OF IRON AND PARTLY OF CLAY. 34AS YOU LOOKED ON, A STONE WAS CUT OUT, NOT BY HUMAN HANDS, AND IT STRUCK THE STATUE ON ITS FEET OF IRON AND CLAY AND

DANIEL 2:26-35 (CONTINUED)

BROKE THEM IN PIECES. 35THEN THE IRON, THE CLAY, THE BRONZE, THE SILVER, AND THE GOLD, WERE ALL BROKEN IN PIECES AND BECAME LIKE THE CHAFF OF THE SUMMER THRESHING FLOORS; AND THE WIND CARRIED THEM AWAY, SO THAT NOT A TRACE OF THEM COULD BE FOUND. BUT THE STONE THAT STRUCK THE STATUE BECAME A GREAT MOUNTAIN AND FILLED THE WHOLE EARTH.

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD. THANKS BE TO GOD.

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SONG OF PRAISE + BENEDICTION

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