

# Hope Chapel Greensboro – May 2, 2010

**CALLED BY GOD**

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## Welcome & Call to Worship

### Song of Praise

#### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
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,  
Who was, and is, and evermore shall 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!  
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## Corporate Confession of Sin

God the Father, we admit that we are too busy with our plans and purposes, our worries and hopes, and our labors and pleasures. We have filled our lives with ourselves and have neglected to speak and demonstrate the Gospel in our city. Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

God the Son, we confess that we treat you very little like Lord of our lives, much less, Lord of the Sabbath. We do not trust you to provide, guide, or care for us. Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

God the Spirit, we are restless and impatient with your work in our lives and in our city. Forgive us for running to other things if you do not act as we expect. Forgive us for treating you more like a neglectful servant than the promised comforter. **Christ, have mercy.**

:: *time for silent confession* ::

## Assurance of Forgiveness

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:9

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## CELEBRATING GOD

### God Delights In You

Calling every daughter, calling every son,  
All who've been adopted through a sacrifice of love;  
There's no need for you to fear,  
Your debts have all been cleared.

Calling all the downcast who feel like they're alone,  
Anyone who's longing for a family of their own,  
God's prepared a place for you, He's calling you to...

*Come and sing, come and dance!  
The Father's singing over you.  
Come rejoice and be glad,  
For God delights in you, in you.*

Calling all who've wandered, gone off on their own,  
Anyone who wonders if they're welcome back at home.  
The God of grace makes all things new, He's calling you to...

You chose us to be the objects of Your love,  
In spite of all we have done.  
You gave Your beloved Son to die for us,  
To make us daughters and sons.

## **Satisfied**

All my life long I had panted  
For a drink from some cold spring.  
That I hoped would quench the burning  
Of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me,  
The One my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me  
'Till my strength was almost gone.  
Longed my soul for something better,  
Only still to hunger on.

Poor I was and sought for riches;  
Something that would satisfy.  
But the dust I gathered 'round me  
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing,  
Bread of Life, so rich and free.  
Untold wealth that never faileth,  
My Redeemer is to me.

## **Lovesong**

Let my life be Your love song, everyday sing to You.  
May my heart always please You as a sweet offering.  
I am satisfied in You, come be glorified in me.

All of my life You've been faithful,  
My Savior, my King, and my Friend.  
All of my life I will lay down  
To love You with all that I am.

### Scripture Reading

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

<sup>3</sup> He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

<sup>6</sup> So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread."

<sup>7</sup> Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

<sup>16</sup> When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way. <sup>17</sup> Then the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? <sup>18</sup> Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. <sup>19</sup> For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."

<sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous <sup>21</sup> that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup> The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

<sup>26</sup> The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

<sup>27</sup> Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes,<sup>28</sup> what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city because of five people?"

"If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it."

<sup>29</sup> Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?"

He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."

<sup>30</sup> Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?"

He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

<sup>31</sup> Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?"

He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it."

<sup>32</sup> Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?"

He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

<sup>33</sup> When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

Genesis 18:1-8, 16-33

**Sermon-** Todd Jones

Anatomy of Faith | A Faith that Pleads

**Offering**

**Song for Reflection**

**In Your Name**

Gather the saints on this day of rest, we come in Your name.

Gather the saints in every tongue, we come in Your name.

Gather the saints in this city, today, we come because You came.

Gather the saints in every realm, we come in Your name.

We sing with God's great love, we love because Jesus loved,  
We tell of how He bore the cross and how He raised.

*O that this city would know Your love,  
O that this city would feel Your touch,  
O that this city would live with hope,  
Give us hands to touch, give us hearts of love.*

We love because You loved, we pray because You prayed,  
We give because You gave.  
We live for Your fame. we hope because You save,  
We believe in Your name.

## **Prayer of Renewal**

### **Songs of Praise**

#### **Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me ,  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine;  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine.

#### **You're Amazing God**

We can hear it growing louder,  
Songs from ev'ry nation, rising to Your throne.

Saints in ev'ry generation, singing for Your glory,  
Telling what You've done.

*'Cause You're amazing God, You're amazing God,  
You can bear the weight of ev'ry heavy heart.  
You can heal the pain, You can clean the stain,  
You can turn our tears into songs of praise,  
You're amazing God.*

Beauty rises from the ashes,  
Sorrow turns to gladness when our God is near.  
You speak light into our darkness  
You heal the broken-hearted, You wipe away our tears.

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## **Sending Song**

### **O Church Arise**

O church, arise and put your armor on;  
Hear the call of Christ our captain;  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—  
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,  
This vict'ry march continues till the day  
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

## Community Life

### Blessing & Sending

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you  
peace.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### Leading in Worship Today

Todd Jones, lead pastor

Michael Van Patter, director of worship arts

Ryan Bowles, bass

Patrick Collins, drums

Liz Guthmann, vocals

Charlie Swing, electric guitar

Hannah Van Patter, vocals

### Song Information

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Lovesong—Glenn Packiam (2003)

In Your Name—Miranda Dodson (2009)

Amazing Grace—John Newton (1790)

Awesome God—Brenton Brown (2008)

O Church Arise—Keith Getty, Stuart Townend (2005)