

We Approach God

*Hymn of Praise

“At Calvary”

#338

The children are invited to come forward during the singing of this song.

**Years I spent in vanity and pride,
Caring not my Lord was crucified,
Knowing not it was for me he died on Calvary.**

**Mercy there was great and grace was free,
Pardon there was multiplied to me,
There my burdened soul found liberty—at Calvary.**

**By God’s word at last my sin I learned—
Then I trembled at the law I’d spurned,
Till my guilty soul imploring turned to Calvary.**

**Mercy there was great and grace was free,
Pardon there was multiplied to me,
There my burdened soul found liberty—at Calvary.**

**Now I’ve giv’n to Jesus ev’rything,
Now I gladly own him as my King,
Now my raptured soul can only sing of Calvary.**

**Mercy there was great and grace was free,
Pardon there was multiplied to me,
There my burdened soul found liberty—at Calvary.**

**O the love that drew salvation’s plan!
O the grace that brought it down to man!
O the mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary.**

**Mercy there was great and grace was free,
Pardon there was multiplied to me,
There my burdened soul found liberty—at Calvary.**

Children’s Blessing

Cheryl Johnston

Confession

Kayely Rich

Assurance of Pardon

We Listen to God

*Hymn of Approach

“The Kingdom of God”

#547

**John saw the heav’n and earth made new, the first had passed away,
The holy city coming down, the new Jerusalem.**

**And God himself shall dwell with us, and wipe away all tears,
There is no sorrow, pain or death, throughout the coming years.**

**“Behold, I make all things anew,” these faithful words are true,
To him who overcometh sin, on earth with God shall rule.**

**In beautiful Jerusalem, God’s glory gives it light,
All kings and nations walk in it, “For there shall be no night.”**

Scripture Reader

Debby Nelson

Old Testament Lesson: Nehemiah 9:1-6, 32-38, 10:28-31 (pp. 437-439, Old Testament)

Responsorial Lesson: Psalm 50

Leader: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

All: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

Leader: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

All: “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

Leader: To the wicked God says: “What right have you to recite my statutes, or take my covenant on your lips? For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you.”

All: Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honour me; to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God.’

*Gloria Patri

#623

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 2:12, 13, 19-22 (pp. 192-193, New Testament)

*Gospel lesson: John 8:31-36 (p. 101, New Testament)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Elusive Freedom”

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Respond to God

*Hymn of Response

“Jesus, I Come”

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**Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of my sickness into thy health, out of my want and into thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of earth’s sorrows into thy balm, out of life’s storms and into thy calm,
Out of distress to jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.**

**Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
Upward for aye on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.**

**Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
Ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.**

Prayers of the People

Ron Phillips

The Lord’s Prayer

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 and ever. Amen.

Our Gifts and Offerings

Joel Russell-MacLean

We Depart to Serve God

*Hymn for Departing

“Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy”

(Tune: #454)

In the midst of time we journey, from thy hand comes each new day;

We would use it in thy service, humbly, wisely, while we may.

For our world of need and anguish, we would lift to thee our prayer.

Faithful stewards of thy bounty – may we with each other share.

*Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean

Music for Departing

“Toccata in C”
(Anon)

Xavier Russell-MacLean

Following the Music for Departing, we will have our November congregational meeting in the lower hall. Lunch will be provided. Printed copies of the agenda, proposed budget for 2023, and minutes of our last meeting are available in the foyer, or on our website at <https://firstbaptistregina.ca/events/event/fall-business-meeting-4/>.