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1st Sunday in Lent

Gathering Music

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Welcome and greeting

Just A Closer Walk with Thee 2158

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain

Through this world of toils and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Refrain

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

Refrain

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Psalm 25:1-5

25:1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

25:2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

25:3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

25:4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

25:5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Lead Me, Guide Me 2214

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and power to help me over my weakest hour;
Help me through the darkness thy face to see, lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

Refrain:

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when satan and sin oppress;
I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

Refrain:

I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see;
Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

Refrain:

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Doris Mae Akers (May 21, 1923 – July 26, 1995) was an African American gospel music composer, arranger and singer. Known for her work with the Sky Pilot Choir, she was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2001.

Psalm 25:6-10

25:6 Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

25:7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

25:8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

25:9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

25:10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

No Longer Slaves

You unravel me with a melody; you surround me with a song
of deliverance from my enemies till all my fears are gone.

Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God.
I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God.

From my mother's womb, you have chosen me;
love has called my name.
I've been born again into your family; your blood flows through my veins.

Chorus

Bridge

You split the sea so I could walk right through it;
my fears were drowned in perfect love.
You rescued me so I could stand and sing: I am a child of God.

Chorus

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Time for Young Christians

Offering

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

I Am Not My Own

This, my only comfort in my life and in my death:
you have fully paid for all my sins and all my debts
even when I struggle to believe:
with your precious blood you set me free!

Chorus:

I am not my own, but belong body and soul,
in my life and in death to you Lord, Christ my Lord.

You preserve my life in such a way that without you,
not a hair can fall from me unless you will it to.
Even when I'm lost in desperation,
all things work together for my salvation.

Chorus:

Instruments:

Always by your Holy Spirit you assure me
of eternal life and make me willing and ready
even when I can't see my way through,
from now on to always live for you

Chorus:

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Scripture Mark 1:9-15

1:9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

1:10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

1:11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

1:12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

1:13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

1:14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Jesus, Tempted in the Desert 2105

1. Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
"Use your power," the tempter tells him; "Turn these barren rocks to bread!"
"Not alone by bread," he answers, "Can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!"

2. Jesus, tempted, at the temple, high above its ancient wall:
"Throw yourself from lofty turret; angels wait to break you fall!"
Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request:
"God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test."

3. Jesus, tempted on the mountain by the lure of vast domain:
"Fall before me! Be my servant! Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!"
Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way:
"God alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey!"

4. When we face temptation's power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour, come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.

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Sermon

"Jesus begins"

Build Your Kingdom Here

1 Come set your rule, and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us we pray. Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.
We are your church; we need your power in us.

2 We seek your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;
refuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released; the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are your church; we pray, revive this earth.

Chorus

Build your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.
Show your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set your church on fire. Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere.
Build your kingdom here, we pray!

3 Unleash your kingdom's power, reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this; awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are your church; we are the hope on earth.

Chorus

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Action Steps

Benediction

Postlude

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