



MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

God of revelation, open us to your word today. You spoke words of love and revelation on the mountaintop; may you speak in this space, too. Move in us, that we too may be witnesses to your word and experience you anew. Just as Peter was moved to action when he saw your glory, so may we be nudged to help build your reign of love. In Christ, your revealed Son, we pray. **Amen.**

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ *Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." - Dr. Martin Luther King*
- ❖ *What is important is that one is capable of love. It is perhaps the only glimpse we are permitted of eternity. - Helen Hayes*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come to the mount and see the power of God.

People: We see Jesus in the beauty and power of holiness.

Leader: He invites you not just to see but to be transformed, as well.

People: We are not worthy to approach the holiness of God.

Leader: None are worthy but Jesus invites us.

People: We come to be transformed into the glory God desires for us.

PRAISE SONG: *Not By Might* (music at end of bulletin)

THE CONFESSION:

Holy God, we confess that we often approach the world as if it is dark and depressing. We fail to observe signs of your radiance in the ordinary moments of our daily lives. We do not allow our eyes and ears and hearts to be transfigured by the glory and grace of your presence. Forgive us, God, and penetrate our darkness and sin with your bright and holy love. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Leader: The light of Christ illumines the darkest places in our lives. Hope is alive in Jesus the Christ. Pardon and peace are yours.

People: Glory be to God on high! Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: ***I Come to the Cross*** (music at end of bulletin)

THE LESSON: **2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (The Message)**

Writing a second letter to the young and challenged group of believers in Corinth, Greece, the Apostle Paul strongly states what he believes is happening among them and how they may find a new focus.

If our Message is obscure to anyone, it's not because we're holding back in any way. No, it's because these other people are looking or going the wrong way and refuse to give it serious attention. All they have eyes for is the fashionable god of darkness. They think he can give them what they want, and that they won't have to bother believing a Truth they can't see. They're stone-blind to the dayspring brightness of the Message that shines with Christ, who gives us the best picture of God we'll ever get.

Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you. It started when God said, "Light up the darkness!" and our lives filled up with light as we saw and understood God in the face of Christ, all bright and beautiful.

THE GOSPEL: **Mark 9:2-9**

This story is called the Transfiguration of Jesus where His appearance is changed and the disciples with Him want to make the experience last longer. The New Testament books of Matthew and Luke also have this story before Jesus begins His final journey to Jerusalem where ultimately He dies and is resurrected. This transfiguration story is often read on the Sunday before the start of Lent, a season when Christians often consider the events in Jesus life related to His last days in Jerusalem.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

MESSAGE: ***"Why Do We Keep Climbing the Mountain?"***

- Pastor David Schoob

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE: ***The Power of Your Love*** (music at end of bulletin)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT:

One: Leave this place with your hearts and minds transfigured to see and hear and know God's divine radiance in the ordinary moments of your lives. Reflect God's glory in all that you do. Go with the grace of Christ. **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG: *When It's All Been Said and Done*
(music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

OUR Welcome IS WIDE OPEN

Skeptic. Cynic. Certain. Believer. Confident. Fearful. Doubter. Seeker. Questioner. Latino. Black. Asian. White. Indigenous. Immigrant. Any combination of ethnic or racial identities. Female. Male. Straight. Gay. Bisexual. Transgender. Questioning. Rich. Poor. Middle-class. Barely making it. Able bodied. Specially abled. Disabled. Young. Old. In-between. Married. Single. Divorced. Awaiting trial. Served time. On probation. Tired. Worn. Hopeful. Employed. Unemployed. Workaholic. Slacker. Anxious. Depressed. Confused. Centered. Inked. Pierced. Both. Life long follower of Jesus. Regular attendee. Occasional attendee. Curious onlooker. Don't quite fit the box. Need a prayer right now. **Trinity is a faith community where we believe in God's love, grace and mercy—illustrated most clearly through Jesus Christ. We believe we are all children of God, created in God's image and equal in God's sight. We believe God loves us just as we are and way too much to let us stay this way. We are called to live in God's light and be transformed, not through judgment but through unconditional love. We believe God's love is all-inclusive and is stronger than the pressure to be perfect regardless of whatever labels we carry. Saint. Sinner. Democrat. Republican. Independent. Libertarian. Green. Socialist. Apolitical. Addicted. Recovering. We don't care what religion or denomination you are. We are all Human. We are all Flawed. We are all Beloved. —You are welcome here.**

COME as you are.

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Not By Might

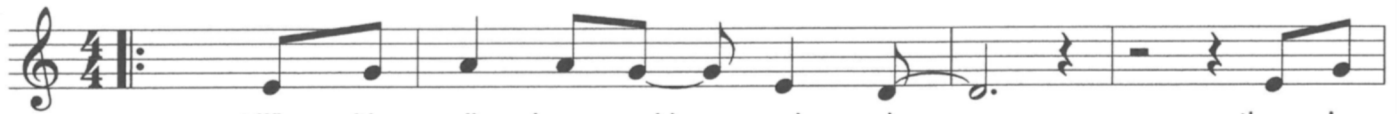
It's not by might, nor by pow'r, but
by My Spir - it. It's not by might, nor by pow'r,
sa - ith the Lord. *Last time: end here*
1. We'd like to think that
2. We try and try in
we can han - dle to prob - lems on our own,
our own strength to make things come out right,
we buck - le down, ap - ply the steam, work our
we think and plan and or - gan - ize, - and
hands down to the bone. But when we've gone a - round in cir
try with all our might. But when we fi - n'ly reach the bot
- cles, and there's no end place left to turn, the
- tom, - the end of all our rope, the
Lord re - minds us qui - et - ly, "There's a
Lord re - minds us once a - gain, - "In
les - son to be learned."
Me you'll find your hope."

I Come to the Cross

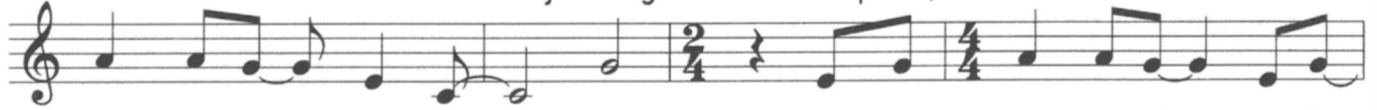
The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Come to the Cross". It consists of eight staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef, a 3/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests and repeat signs. The lyrics are: "I come to the cross seek-ing mer-cy and grace. I come to the cross where You died in my place. Out of my weak-ness and in-to Your strength, Je-sus, I come to the cross. Your arms are o-pen, You call me by name, You wel-come this child that was lost. You paid the price for my guilt and my shame. Je-sus, I come, Je-sus, I come, Je-sus, I come to the cross." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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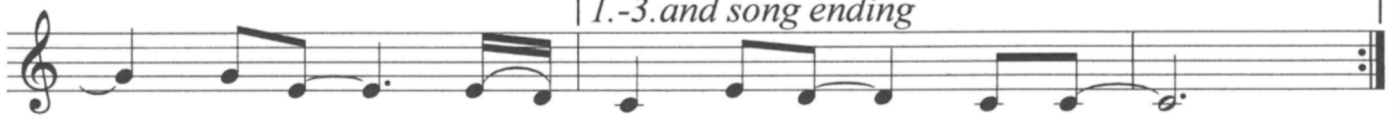
When It's All Been Said and Done



1. When it's all been said and done, there is
2. When it's all been said and done, all my
3. Lord, your mer - cy is so great, that You
4. I will al - ways sing Your praise, here on



just one thing that mat - ters; Did I do my best to live
treas - ures will mean no - thing; On - ly what I've done for love!
look be - yond our weak - ness; and find pur - est gold in mi
earth and ev - er af - ter; For You've shown me Heav - en's my



1.-3. and song ending

for truth, did I live my life for You?
re - ward, will stand the test of time.
- ry clay, mak - ing sin - ners in - to saints.
true home, when it's



4. all been said and done, You're my life when life is gone.

3
(repeat verse 1)