# After Darkness, Light A Journey Through the Prophets: The Gospel of Isaiah



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#### CALLS US BEFORE HIS PRESENCE



Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! PASTOR GREETS

Congregation: Amen!

Matthew 28:19

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The LORD be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

The voice of the LORD is strong,

The voice of the Lord is majestic!

The LORD gives strength to his people!

The LORD blesses his people with peace!

Psalm 29:4,11



# CLEANSES US IN CHRIST

purification offering, gift of glory

"I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,' and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah."

Psalm 32:5

Beloved, our LORD has invited us to draw near to him with an honest heart. He has graciously promised to receive all those who come to him with heavy burdens of guilt and shame. Therefore I exhort all who are here today to accompany me with a pure heart and a humble voice, unto the throne of heavenly grace.

SILENT CONFESSION

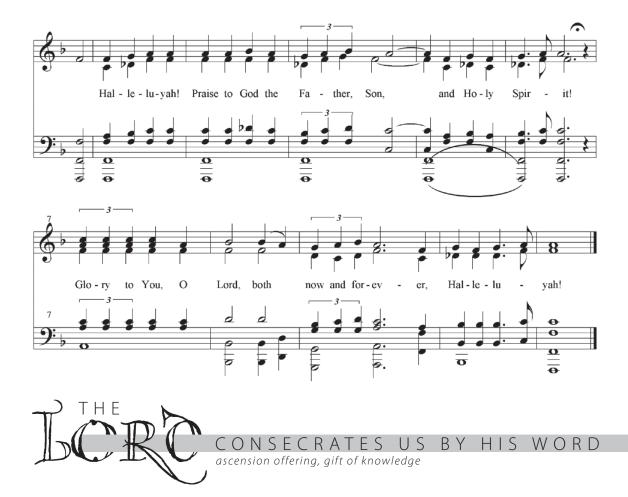
Almighty and most merciful Father, I have erred, and strayed from your ways like a lost sheep. I have followed too much the devices and desires of my own heart. I have broken your holy laws. I have left undone those things which I ought to have done; and I have done those things which I ought not to have done; and there is no health in me. But have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner, O Lord. Spare me, O Lord, for I humbly confess my faults. Grant unto me the grace of repentance, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Christ's dear sake, that I may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of your holy Name. Amen

"And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."

Colossians 2:13–14

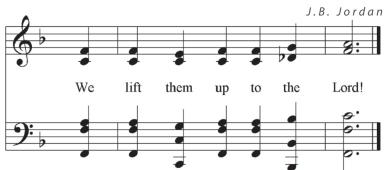
Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for your sins and to be raised for your justification; and for His sake forgives you all your sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. • Amen

JOINT CONFESSION



# SURSUM CORDA—lift up your heart





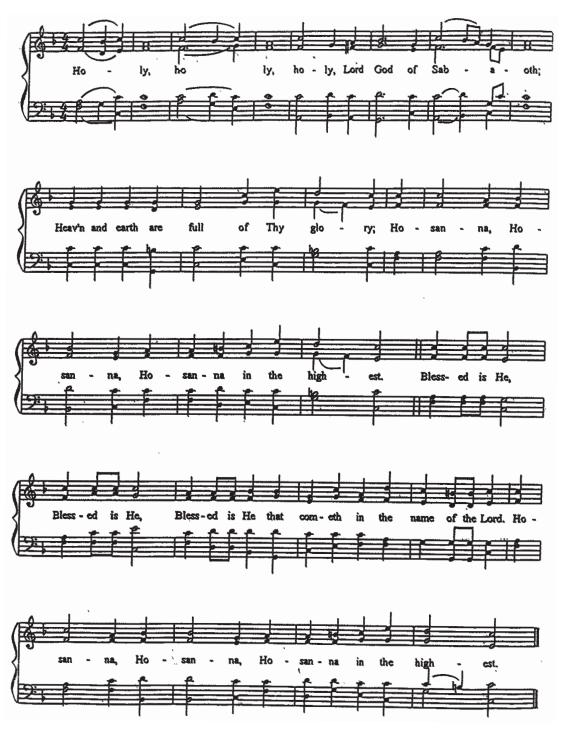
PASTOR LEADS LIFTING UP OF YOUR HANDS

Let us give thanks to the LORD, our God!



It is truly proper, right, wholesome, and beneficial that we should at all times, PASTOR SPEAKS and in all places, give praise unto Thee, O LORD, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore worshipping Thee!

#### SANCTUS



## Holy God, We Praise Thy Hame



#### JOHN 12:36-50

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. PASTOR STARTS

Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

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"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart,

Lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them."

Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him,

But for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue;

For they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

And Jesus cried out and said,

Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me.

And whoever sees me sees him who sent me.

■ I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may. not remain in darkness.

If anyone hears my words and does not keep them,

I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.

For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.

And I know that his commandment is eternal life.

What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."

## At the Name of Jesus



#### **ISAIAH 6**

English Standard Version (ESV)

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

- "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"
- <sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"
- <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."
- <sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." <sup>9</sup> And he said, "Go, and say to this people:
- "Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive."
- <sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."
- <sup>11</sup> Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste,
- <sup>12</sup> and the Lord removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.
- <sup>13</sup> And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.

# A LASTING IMPRESSION

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#### 1 Peter 1:10-12

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

- 1. What was the historical setting of the prophecy?
- 2. What would the audience of that time heard/expected?
- 3. How were the words of that prophet/prophecy fulfilled during those days but not fully (already/not yet)?
- 4. How are the words of the Holy Spirit speaking through the prophet fulfilled more fully with the advent (coming) of Jesus?









#### RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD - TRIBUTE OFFERING

"Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts. O, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth." Psalm 96:8–9

PLEASE BRING FORWARD YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS DURING THIS SONG



#### THE GREAT PRAYER

CONCLUDING WITH 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

CONGREGATION PRAYS ALONG WITH PASTOR



#### PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Congregation of the LORD Jesus Christ, the LORD has prepared His table for all who love and trust in Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized and are in good standing in the Church of Jesus Christ are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the LORD our God will call.

Leader: Christian, in Whom do you believe?

LEADER BEGINS

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hades; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy, catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATION RESPONDS

#### **EUCHARIST DISTRIBUTION SONG**

#### All ends of earth, rememb'ring Him Psalm 22:27-31





# COMMISSIONS US AND SENDS US OUT

#### FINAL SCRIPTURE READING

CONGREGATION STANDS



#### BENEDICTION

"Then Aaron lifted his hand toward the people, blessed them, and came down from offering the purification offering, the ascension offering, and peace offerings."

Leviticus 9:22

