

**ORDER FOR THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
*A Service of Celebration and Covenantal Renewal*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**When the Saints**

*Verse 1*

Lord I have a heavy burden of all I've seen and know  
It's more than I can handle  
But your word is burning like a fire shut up in my bones  
and I can't let it go  
And when I'm weary and overwrought with so many battles left unfought

*Chorus*

I think of Paul and Silas in the prison yard  
I hear their song of freedom rising to the stars  
And when the Saints go marching in I want to be one of them

*Verse 2*

Lord it's all that I can't carry and cannot leave behind  
it often overwhelms me  
But when I think of all who've gone before and lived the faithful life  
their courage compels me  
And when I'm weary and overwrought with so many battles left unfought

*Chorus #2*

I think of Paul and Silas in the prison yard  
I hear their song of freedom rising to the stars  
I see the shepherd Moses in the Pharaohs court  
I hear his call for freedom for the people of the Lord  
And when the Saints go marching in I want to be one of them

*Tag*

And when the Saints go marching in I want to be one of them  
I see the long quiet walk along the Underground Railroad  
I see the slave awakening to the value of her soul  
I see the young missionary and the angry spear  
I see his family returning with no trace of fear  
I see the long hard shadows of Calcutta nights  
I see the sisters standing by the dying man's side  
I see the young girl huddled on the brothel floor  
I see the man with a passion come and kicking down the door  
I see the man of sorrows and his long troubled road  
I see the world on his shoulders and my easy load

And when the Saints go marching in  
I want to be one of them  
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**WELCOME**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM—9:00 A.M.**

Baden Mac Gregor Purdy  
*son of Mac and Kellie Purdy*

**INVOCATION**

—Elder Johnny Clark

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 9:7-11 (NIV)**

- 7 The LORD reigns forever;  
he has established his throne for judgment.  
8 He will judge the world in righteousness;  
he will govern the peoples with justice.  
9 The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.  
10 Those who know your name will trust in you,  
for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.  
11 Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion;  
proclaim among the nations what he has done.

**WORSHIP THROUGH SONG**

*Lyric sheets of today's music can be obtained from the ushers upon request*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD, PART I**

—SCOTT ROLEY

**UNVIELED HOPE:**

**THE PRAISE OF HOPE AND THE PROMISE OF JUDGEMENT**

**Revelation 15 & 16**

In chapters 15 & 16 of Revelation we find the bowls of God's holy and just wrath being poured out on the unbelieving world, and all the dark forces of evil. Whereas the seven trumpets represent God's painful warnings for those who refuse Christ and His grace, the seven bowls represent God's punishment, which intensifies and culminates in the full celebration of D-Day with the arrival of the longed for V-Day. The final battle between Christ and the dragon, between the world and the Church is settled, and the outcome is certain! The Lamb **has** won. The Lamb **will** win!

## I. THE SAINTS REJOICE – Jesus is Our Greater Exodus Who Gives Us a Greater Song

**Revelation 15:1-4** *1 I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues -- last, because with them God's wrath is completed. 2 And I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name. They held harps given them by God 3 and sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. 4 Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."*

This vision is preparation for the final outpouring of God's wrath upon the Christ-rejecting world. The fullness of God's judgment is being prepared. His glory, holiness and righteousness will be vindicated and manifest. The redeemed people of God rejoice with the coming of God's judgment. It holds no fear for them for they have already passed from judgment to life in Christ! They sing and we with them, the "song of Moses" (Exodus 15:1ff; Deut. 18:15, 18; John 6:14; 7:40; Acts 3:22), and the "song of the Lamb". God's people are far from arrogant. They are humbled to be the family upon whom God has set his great affection and to be the people who will live forever in the greater Canaan of the new heaven and new earth.

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD, PART 2

— MIKE SMITH

## II. GOD POURS FORTH HIS JUDGMENT: The Bowls of Divine Wrath

From the inner sanctuary, the most holy place, comes both the mercy and grace of our God, and the opposite, His righteous wrath, for those who will not humbly receive forgiveness. To reject the grace of salvation is to invite the judgment of God's condemnation (John 3:17f, 36; 8:24; 12:47f.) The bowls full of the incense of intercession (Rev. 5:8; 8:3) now give way to the bowls full of God's wrath.

### What is the best way to understand the three main cycles of 7's?

- **The Seven Seals** tell this same story of suffering and judgment from the perspective of the suffering church
- **The Seven Trumpets** gave the unbelieving world's perspective of the present and coming judgment of God
- **The Seven Bowls** now give us the perspective from God's temple and throne

**What is God's wrath?** It is "God's strong and settled opposition to all that is evil." A strong and settled opposition "arising out of God's very nature." God's wrath "is a burning zeal for the right coupled with a perfect hatred for everything that is evil." (Leon Morris. "The Apostolic Preaching of the Cross")  
**Revelation 15:5—16:7** *After this I looked and in heaven the temple, that is, the tabernacle of the Testimony, was opened. 6 Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues. They were dressed in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests. 7 Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. 8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.*

*Rev. 16:1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth." 2 The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly and painful sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshipped his image. 3 The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea died. 4 The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. 5 Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: "You are just in these judgments, you who are and who were, the Holy One, because you have so judged; 6 for they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve." 7 And I heard the altar respond: "Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments."*

**What is the Battle of Armageddon?** "John is proclaiming a great reversal of history. The new Babylon (likely Rome) is 'to bear the judgment of God at the place where previously the old Babylon had been, in effect conqueror.' Whatever the origin of the name Armageddon, the name 'stands for an event.' The name stands for the last resistance of the antichrist forces before the coming of the new creation. As we will read in Revelation 19, **the battle of Armageddon is never fought. The kings may gather, but the battle is never fought. The resistance ends simply by Jesus Christ showing up.** (Darrell Johnson. "Discipleship on the Edge")

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD, PART 3

— SCOTT ROLEY

## III. THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT: "It is Finished!"

**Rev. 16:17-21** *The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18 Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. 19 The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered*

*Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. 20 Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. 21 From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.*

This is the Day of the Lord! (Heb. 12:26f, Jn. 12:1; Joel 2:2; Matt. 24:21, 29; Hag. 2:6). "As always, however, God is the refuge and strength of His people, who therefore are without fear, 'though the earth should change and the mountains should shake in the heart of the sea' (Psa. 46:1; Joel 3:16). They are assured, indeed, that they will receive 'a kingdom that cannot be shaken' (Heb. 12:28) - the kingdom that will break in pieces and bring to an end all enemy kingdoms, while it itself is indestructible and stands forever (Dan. 2:44). (Hughes).

**KEY: According to the Bible, the final judgment occurs only twice in history: At the cross, where Jesus cried, "It is finished!" and , at the end of history, when God will declare, "It is finished." Which "It is finished!" will define the rest of your life? Are you hiding in Jesus, the rock of refuge, or will you cry out for the rocks to fall on you, so fearful of facing the final judgment?**

#### SONGS OF RESPONSE

#### BENEDICTION



#### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION: