

# THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

March 9, 2017  
Six O'clock

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

Heavenly Father, we praise, bless, and adore you for the hope your promises bring us today. Through Jesus, we've already been ransomed, redeemed, and rescued. We've been bought out of sin, condemnation, and death; and now we rest in your exuberant welcome and eternal embrace. Hallelujah, we're no longer our own! We're yours, and you love us as much as you love Jesus.

All captivities—the ones we've generated, the ones we've inherited, and those brought upon us by others—all of them are broken in Jesus. No imprisonment, no bondage, no stronghold will keep us from arriving safely home in the new heaven and new earth.

Indeed, Lord Jesus, you are our promised Jubilee—our eternal year of the Lord's favor. Though we'll only fully enjoy this freedom when you return, it's no less legally ours right now. The saints in heaven are happier than us, but they're not more loved or more secure than we are; they're more aware of your beauty and sovereignty, but they're not greater beneficiaries of these riches than we presently are.

Our imagination goes into overload mode, when we try to picture what it's going to be like when we, your Bride, are “crowned with everlasting joy.” We know what it feels like to be overtaken by guilt and shame, fear and stress, sadness and weariness; but what's going to be like to be overtaken, and taken over, by unfettered gladness and your joy? We cannot wait to experience the blessed Day when all sorrow and sighing, brokenness and badness, dying and death will flee away forever. Hasten that Day; hasten that Day of consummate gladness.

Indeed, Lord Jesus, you comfort us like no one else. Forgive us for foolishly seeking our consolation in anyone or by anything else. Fill our hearts so full of your beauty and bounty that we'll overflow for the benefit of our neighbors. So very Amen we pray in your matchless and magnificent name. (Scotty Smith, *365 Everyday Prayers*)

## Corporate Call to Worship ..... Isaiah 40:1-5

MINISTER: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.

PEOPLE: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

ALL: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

## Invocation ..... Dr. David Hatten Jussely

## Hymn 598 ..... Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

## Corporate Prayer for Guidance

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Songbook 83 ..... Wonderful, Merciful Savior

## Songbook 75 ..... Speak, O Lord *(Children will be dismissed to 4 Corners on last verse.)*

## Scripture Reading ..... Mark 6:14-29

## Prayer of Illumination

**Sermon** ..... Dr. David Hatten Jussely  
“An Enslaved King”

**Hymn 358** (verses 1, 2, 3, 6) ..... For All the Saints

**Benediction**

**Postlude**



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