Opening Prayer

Oh Lord, you are most Holy and majestic. We yearn for you, seek your face, and patiently listen for your voice. Speak to us, mighty Lord, that we might know your will, have our minds renewed, and be living echoes of your Word. Fill us with your fullness, your love, your rest, and your joy. We come to worship you!

Hymn – “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

I sing the mighty pow’r of God That made the mountains rise, That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at His command And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord That filled the earth with food; He formed the creatures with His word And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed Where’er I turn my eye;
If I survey the ground I tread Or gaze upon the sky!

There’s not a plant or flower below But makes Thy glories known; And clouds arise and tempests blow By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee Is ever in Thy care, And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

Scripture Reading – Psalm 40:1-5,16

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord. Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare ... may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation always say, “The Lord be exalted!”
Present Your Requests to God - Philippians 4:4-7, 9

WORSHIP LEADER
Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!

EVERYONE
Let your gentleness be evident to all.
The Lord is near.

WORSHIP LEADER
Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.

EVERYONE
And the peace of God,
which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

WORSHIP LEADER
Whatever you have learned or received
or heard from me,
or seen in me—put it into practice.

EVERYONE
And the God of peace will be with you.

Reflective Reading

“The how of the role of Scripture in spiritual formation is not so much a body of information, a technique, a method, a model, as it is a mode of being in relationship with God that we bring to the Scripture ... I suggest that your top priority be to listen for God. Seek to allow your attention and focus to be on listening for what God is saying to you as you read ... Listen for God to speak to you in and through, around and within, over and behind and out front of everything that you read. Keep asking yourself, “What is God seeking to say to me in all of this?” By adopting this posture toward the text you will begin the process of reversing the learning mode that establishes you as the controlling power who seeks to master a body of information. Instead, you will begin to allow the text to become an instrument of God’s grace in your life. You will begin to open yourself to the possibility of God’s setting the agenda for your life throughout the text. Not only will this exercise begin to transform your approach to reading (and prepare you for the role of Scripture in spiritual formation), it will also begin to transform your whole mode of being in relationship with God in a way that will enhance genuine spiritual formation.”

-Robert Mulholland, Jr.

Hearing from God: Reflections

Chorus – “I Love You, Lord”

I love you, Lord! And I lift my voice
To worship you, oh my soul, rejoice;
Take joy my King in what you hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet, sound in your ear.

Closing Prayer

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