JOY IN REPENTANCE



"I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:10 ESV

Song: Open My Eyes, That I May See - Clara H. Scott

Open my eyes, that I may see,
Glimpses of truth You have for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unlock and set me free.
Silently now I wait for You,
Ready, my God, Your will to do;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear Voices of truth so sharp and clear; And while the message falls on my ear, Everything else will disappear. Silently now I wait for You, Ready, my God, Your will to do; Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear Gladly the warm truth everywhere; Open my heart, and let me prepare Love with Your children, then to share; Silently now I wait for You, Ready, my God, Your will to do; Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Leader: Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. The Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

All: So Jesus told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Leader: And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'

All: Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." *Luke 15:1-7 ESV*

Song: My Jesus, I Love Thee - William R. Featherstone

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; For Thee, all the follies of sin I resign; My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath; And say, when the death dew lies cold on my brow; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright; And singing Thy praises, before Thee I'll bow; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Message

Prayers and 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Song: Something for Thee - Sylvanus D. Phelps

Savior, Thy dying love, Thou gave to me; Nor should I aught withhold, Dear Lord, from Thee. In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfill its vow, Some offering bring Thee now, Something for Thee.

At the blest mercy seat, Pleading for me, My feeble faith looks up, Jesus, to Thee. Help me the cross to bear, Thy wondrous love declare, Some song to raise or prayer, Something for Thee.

Give me a faithful heart, Likeness to Thee, That each departing day, Henceforth may see Some work of love begun, Some deed of kindness done, Some wanderer sought and won, Something for Thee.

All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free, In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for Thee! And when Thy face I see, My ransomed soul shall be Through all eternity, Something for Thee.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26 ESV

Doxology - Thomas Ken

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, you heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.