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WELCOME

CONFESSION

O God, you search us out and know us, and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we are entangled in sin. **In your mercy, Lord forgive us and heal us.**

When we use our power to dominate and our weaknesses to manipulate: **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we evade responsibility and fail to confront evil: **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we are seduced by fashionable dreams and pursue our desires at the expense of others: **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we despair of changing the world and neglect to change even ourselves: **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

When we fail to integrate spirit and flesh and forfeit our wholeness and dignity: **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

We turn to you, O God of infinite mercy; **We renounce evil; We claim your love; We choose to be made whole.**¹

ABSOLUTION

SONG – “Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons” (ELW 798)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Guide me to value what you value, O God, and to trust in your Word for me. In the name of +Jesus, Amen.

LESSONS – Genesis 18:1-15; 51:1-7

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under

¹ <https://laughingbird.net/index.php/seasonal-prayers/> Stanzas 1,2, 3 & conclusion by Janet Morley, *All Desires Known*, London:SPCK, 1992, p.40. (altered)
Stanzas 4, 5 & 6 by Nathan Nettleton



the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh." ¹⁶The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. ¹⁷Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ¹⁸Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ¹⁹And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ²⁰Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ²¹Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." ²²And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

MESSAGE

SONG – "O God Whose Steadfast Love" (NCH, 426) – (On back page)

PRAYERS

COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

SONG – "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" (TFF 150)

1 Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Refrain

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

2 Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief; kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.

Refrain

3 Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face; heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace.

Refrain

4 Thou, the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me, whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heav'n but thee? *Refrain*

BLESSING

SENDING

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FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME

426

O God, Whose Steadfast Love

Gen. 18:9-15; 1 Sam. 1:1-20; Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-7

James L. Haddix, 1986; rev. 1994

1 O God, whose stead-fast love true moth - er - hood has blessed;
2 Your prom - is - es, O God, so sure through-out the years,
3 In your great love, O God, full par - ent - hood is known:
4 May your house-hold of faith one fam - i - ly be - come,

who shields the in - fant small up - on its moth - er's breast:
have lived in moth - ers' hearts, have bloomed from moth - ers' tears.
a fa - ther mourns his child, a moth - er's strength is shown.
that love may be in - creased and none may be a - lone;

Em - brace us, too, O God, our God, and hold us in your
So Sar - ah laughed, and Han - nah wept, and sing - ing Mar - y
Let par - ents' faith - ful lives un - bind your love that through them
That moth - er's love and fa - ther's care and chil - dren's joy we

lov - ing arms, and hold us in your lov - ing arms.
se - crets kept, and sing - ing Mar - y se - crets kept.
we might find Christ's deep - er love for hu - man - kind.
all may share, and chil - dren's joy we all may share.

United Church of Christ minister James Haddix wrote this text for the "Festival of the Christian Home." It was dedicated and sung to his mother, Margaret Ann Lewis Haddix, at a reception in Missouri recognizing her thirty-year career as a first-grade teacher.

Tune: RHOSYMEDRE 6.6.6.6.8.8.8.
John D. Edwards, c. 1840