## **Sola Lenten Dramas**

# HOW TO BE A DISCIPLE

The Reflections of a Contemporary Twelve

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Andrew and Philip "On seeking Jesus"

#### PRELUDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING DIALOG

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

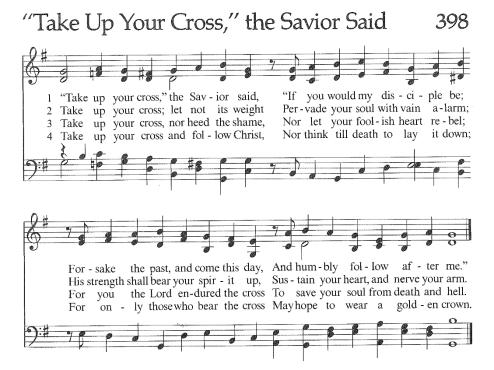
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste, O Lord, to help me.

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### OPENING HYMN .... "Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said"



#### SALUTATION & PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common prayers to you. You have promised through your beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. Answer, O Lord, our desires and petitions as you determine best for us — granting us, in this world, the knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come, everlasting life in you. Amen. (Based on a Prayer of St. Chrysostom)

<sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

<sup>16</sup> "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

PSALM (Read Responsively)......Psalm 122 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

<sup>2</sup> Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,

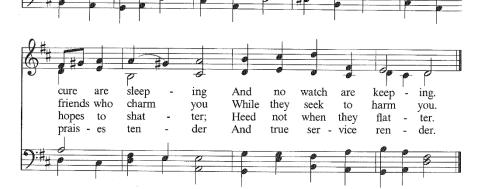
4 to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel,

#### to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

- <sup>5</sup> There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.
- <sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!
- <sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"
- 8 For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"
- <sup>9</sup> For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

(The way the gospels tell their stories, Andrew and Philip look like the welcoming committee of the twelve apostles. When Andrew was first called to be a disciple of Jesus, he immediately went and found his brother, Peter. Likewise Philip's first act as a disciple was to tell Nathanael to come and see. In this introductory dialogue, the two are not differentiated much from each other. Both are curious as to why this crowd has gathered at this time. As soon as they know, they kick into full evangelism mode.)

DRAMA ...... Andrew – Pastor Chuck Philip – Rick Richard Member – Steph Mann HYMN ....."Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" PRAYER Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray 443 Rise, my soul, to watch and sleep pray; From your a Watch a - gainst the world that Dark - ly frowns to dis -Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you while watch - ing, al То so pray the Lord un wak en; Be not by the e vil day Un Watch when it may you; wish - es your crowns. Smil ing tri fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's ceas ing. God lone make free, Strength and can you wares o'er - tak en. Sa tan's prey oft are they Who se -Watch and to be - tray you. see, free you are From false fle. Pride and mer - cy sti sin lurk with - in, All your faith in - creas ing, So that still mind and will Heart - felt



REFLECTION ...... Pastor Chuck Mann

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER (Said in unison)

God of love, you have provided for our every need from your abundant bounty. Grant us grateful hearts that we may give generously to those in need and thereby show your love to the world around us. Amen.

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

- P: Let us join together in confessing our faith with the saints who have gone before us, in the words of the Apostles' Creed:
- C: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **PRAYERS**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people, according to their needs.

The congregation responding at the end of each petition: P: ... Lord in your mercy. C: Hear our prayer.

#### LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

- P: Hear our petitions, O Lord, as we entrust our lives into your care this night.
- C: We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have

charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray together the prayer our Savior taught us:

C: 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.

#### **BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL**

The minister blesses the congregation:

P: May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us peace and rest this night. May he watch over us until a new day has dawned, and may our hearts rejoice in his saving power; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: Amen.

P: Let us bless the Lord C: Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN ......On next page "Take My Life, that I May Be"

#### **POSTLUDE**

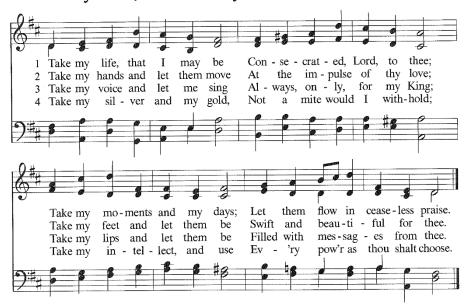
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### Take My Life, that I May Be

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5 Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne. 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870 PATMOS 77.77

#### Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers - Thank You!

PASTOR	Pastor Chuck Mann
READER	Steph Mann
ORGANIST	LeAnn Richard
USHERS/GREETERS	Brenda Suckow & Emily Retterath
ALTAR GUILD	Peggy Moran & Donna Kroll
SERVICE GROUP COORDINATO	ORSEvangelism Committee

#### Our Mission

"Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service."

#### **Visitors**

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

#### **Nursery**

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

#### **Lenten Meals & Worship**

Thank you FLCW for serving the meal tonight. Join us next Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, for our Lenten meal served by FLY from 5:30 – 6:45 pm. They will be serving tacos. Free-will offering going toward their mission trip to Colorado this summer. Join us after the meal for our Lenten Worship drama series, "How to be a Disciple: The Reflections of a Contemporary Twelve" at 7:00 pm. The theme will be: Division, community, reconciliation.

#### Quilting

Women! Join us for quilting this Thursday & Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am – noon. If you don't know how to quilt, come join us and learn! Also, great fellowship!

#### First Communion

A letter has gone out in the mail to all 5<sup>th</sup> graders and parents regarding First Communion classes. If you did not receive one, or are older than 5<sup>th</sup> grade and not already confirmed or taking communion but would like to, please talk to Pastor Chuck or Jeannette. Please reply to sign up for the classes by February 26<sup>th</sup> to insure we have books for all.

#### Men, Women, Teenagers Needed

Looking for men, women and teenagers to be part of the Lenten Drama series on Wednesday nights! Save Pastor Chuck the headache of finding people and volunteer yourself now by talking to Pastor Chuck. Don't make us go looking for you!

#### Kitchen Items

Please check the church kitchen and see if you are missing any of your kitchen items from home. Some of the bowls, pots, pans, etc. have been there for over a year. If you took food to the Mann household, your dishes were brought to the church for you to pick up. Items not claimed by March 1<sup>st</sup> will be given a chance for a free-will offering or given to the McLean County Resource Center.