



Lent +

AGAIN & AGAIN: SORRY!

FCBC Fresno March 7th, 2021

“Do This In Remembrance of Me” – Jill Prince

Announcements

“Revive Us Again!” – Jill Prince

“My Life Is In You, Lord”

Call to Worship Again & Again

Pastor: Again and again,

All: We come to this place.

P: Again and again,

ALL: We gather as a community.

P: Again and again,

ALL: We move closer to God.

P: And again and again,

ALL: God is here.

P: We are met.

ALL: We are heard.

P: We are shown the way.

ALL: So again and again, let us worship our holy God and Savior.

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Our Prayer & Confession Again

P: Dear God of Justice once more we will gather around your table and remember sacrifice. But we also know that we are guilty of building our own tables.

**ALL: We have built tables that oppression dines on,
Sexism thrives on, and racism lives on.**

P: God of Justice, we are guilty of forgetting where we are,

ALL: Of turning church into a place for insiders.

P: God of Justice, we are guilty of ignoring the point;

**ALL: For you taught that the church was for worship
Your message for all.**

P: God of our hearts,

ALL: Be in our decision making.

P: Draw near to our choices.

ALL: Forgive our mistakes.

P: And as you do,

ALL: Flip every table, habit, belief, or point of view that needs adjusting.

P: Here we are Savior at your table. Amen.

Special Music *“And Again I Say, Rejoice!”* – Jill Prince

Message: Again & Again: SORRY!
Study Guide

What does it mean to live the word sorry with deep spiritual power before God and others?

Two simple steps:

1. I do a _____ moral inventory

2. I do whatever I can do to make _____

- Ask Christ into your life and then, “I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.”
- Celebrate Communion

Communion

Pastor: Jesus, you died on the cross so I that I might be forgiven of everything I do wrong. Sometimes I remember that, but other times I forget, and continue to hurt you with my actions. Please bring to mind any things I need to say sorry for now, in the quiet.

**Arlean: Christ’s body and blood:
for us they were given.
Again this bread and this cup
tell us we’re forgiven.**

Pastor: Jesus. this communion meal is for all people, because you always welcome everyone. Sometimes I remember that, but other times I forget, and I treat people badly. Please bring to mind any ways I have mistreated other people, so I can say sorry now, in the quiet.

**Arlean: Christ's body and blood:
for us they were given.
Again this bread tells us we're forgiven.**

Pastor: For what I have received from the Lord I now pass on to you. The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and said, "This is my body broken for you. Take, eat.."

Pastor: This communion meal is like a preview of eating with Jesus forever in a world put right. Sometimes I remember that, but other times I forget, and I don't live as if He is coming again. Right now dear God please bring to mind ways I can live which will bring heaven to earth for the people around me.

**Arlean: Christ's body and blood:
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Again this cup
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Pastor: Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Drink in remembrance of me."

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Tell us we're forgiven.**

"Jesus Paid It All"

God Be With You...

BULLETIN INSERT

Ministry focus: Leadership Empowerment

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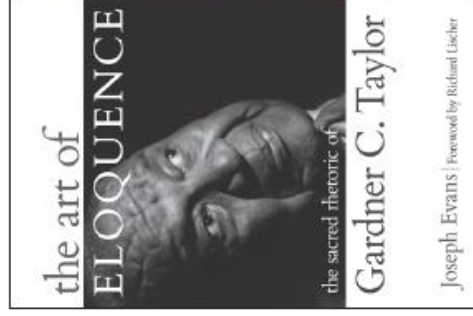


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