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PRELUDE *Versets on the 'Kytie'* F. Couperin

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN # 14 O Sing A New Song

-Jackson

PRAYER OF APPROACH & CONFESSION

Oh, God our father,
we come to worship in response to your call,
and in search of strength and guidance
for our lives.
We have known the times of emptiness and isolation,
when your voice seemed strangely silent
in the stress of our day.
We have known the times of discouragement,
when failure and loss
have seemed like insurmountable barriers
standing between us and any sense of fulfillment.
We have sometimes been closed
to any message of your will in unexpected places,
and have failed to hear
the voice of your spirit in guidance.
Teach us to open ourselves to life,
to hear your voice in all of our experiences,
and to search out the message
that can assure us of your presence
even in heartache and sorrow.
Give us new insights into your way of speaking to us
through the events of our daily lives
and the momentary happenings of each day.

So may we become more sensitive to your voice,
more ready to be agents of your love and reconciliation
in a twisted and broken world.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm # 124

HYMN # 114 What A Friend We Have In Jesus

--Friendship

SCRIPTURE Romans 7:21 - 8:6; Matthew 11:25-30

read by: Margaret Cook

PRAYERS

SILENT PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN # 65 Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet

-Warrington

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Andante from Sonata # 1

-J. Rheinberger

The Doxology- # 55

SOLO

Consecration

-Handel

Soloist: Jacqueline Fraser

SERMON

TAKE IT EASY!

The Rev'd. Jack Shaver

HYMN # 44

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

-Darwall

BENEDICTION

CONTEMPORARY AMEN

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F

-J. S. Bach

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Greeter: Irene Lomax; Ushers: John Boyd and John Crowe

Envelope Contributors Please take a minute after the
service to pick up your FINANCIAL STATEMENTS which are
on the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

Take it Easy

It turns out

The 11th Chapter of Matt. can be seen as a collection of observations and judgments about the mystery of doubt and Faith - That puzzling matter of: -

- what it is to come to a fundamental belief
- how it is you come to trust this ~~country~~ of that
- the strange behavior we have come to call resistance
- + what is the human relationship to God?

1. Message from John the Baptist

→ Are you the one?

The window by which we see God?

(so much illustrated right there -

fearful penetrating preacher

calling for repentance

Described as proclaiming Jesus was the true one

(has his doubts)

+ What's word to fearful believer who doubts?

- size up what's going on -

- get an indication in what is happening,

② Episode followed by

Comments about John following -

What moved people to go to hear him?

got to bottom of what moves people → what they trust - God

+ went to hear a prophet

got going - some had talks happening -

no word from God - then there is some

- that will get one going.

③ Comment - It's the occasion O.K.

What a ~~person~~ generation this is -

Like kids in the street. We tried to see didn't

we would do some unusual things

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(2)

We played wedding & were married
 + John - ^{we} played funeral & were married

Richard was a teetotaler }
 - not to be trusted - he has done }
 - early & clumsy

→ "behold" clutter & clunk - }
 & Friend of Top Collection & Simons }

What funny reasons people have for not trusting.
 Moved & what's good for their life together,

(4) the Communities ^{largely} unreasoned - unbelieving -

liberal Type

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communities
 popular culture
 long held as classic
 aspects of civil living
 and resistance of God

you think they're bad →

If they had the reasons to repent & believe
 you had they would have been transformed

(5) Then it is as if the writer is suddenly reminded of all
 the brave humble folk who did believe - one
 cannot be complaining all the time -

"I thank The Father" ^{has been} ^{born} ^{earth}
 it's now kept hidden these things from us were
 and undervalued & revealed them to babies -
 (like Paul the Disciple of the 70)

Other places in Bible not the same writers -
 widows isn't necessarily the way to God,
trust believe God - more of a mystery than that.

Trust Belong God - Revelations

if you're Under the God stuff - why that - & other words

6. verse 27

all things have been delivered to me
by my Father, and no one knows the
son except the Father -

Don't like
Matt
MK
Lit

no one who
sees the Father
except the Son, and
wishes to whom
the Son chooses
to reveal him.

(Style was ~~unimportant~~ of John's Gospel
~~as today is~~)

Jesus is made to be a people in this world
all the time - Fatherly - at least an reference
Traditions were not entirely isolated from each other,

only the one to whom son chooses to reveal

complaints that everyone is revealing the signs,

Son - keep on from above to become revelation
of the Father -

7. Come to him -

Take Yoke

coming has to do
with accepting a task -

accepting task -> has to do with learning -
receiving revelation -

connection: he is weak & humble in heart

What will really move you to saving task
God - learning

not arrogance

weakness - humbleness of heart

8. Finally: this is well as verse above Unseen to Matt

For my yoke is easy & my burden is light.

That in the face of last Sunday's lesson
There's not I come to Boxy Road.

What a Bundle of bits & pieces

Put together to get the picture of what a mystic

Beliefs is -
creation of a believer

Genuine God stuff go on in your life

Not Simple - Clear who God is - get on with it

Complicated - only the wise can have it

- not lack of wisdom gets in the way
anything / wisdom }
childishness } get in the way

Best believers - have doubts -

There are signs in what's going on as to

- who the true God is
- what creates - what destroys
- what heals - what destroys
- what illumines - what confuses
- what can keep us safe -
- let us down
- turn us into a dog's to

The darkest things are at the heart of
our resistance

→ attracted & was to search for a time
→ Drunk at first

howlens & howlens & X → window to God

God gets to us -

True Revelations - opposed
to our make our of God
into our image

Surprise - not expected

Complex -
 Mystery — simple seems & accepts the fact.

Demanding —

Message — we all resist →

Once accepted — no problem

Burden easy! —

1 Month in Vancouver —

c.f. Masters →

Right Burden! —

Frenchie