



ORDER OF WORSHIP
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When the musical prelude begins, the congregation is invited to spend time preparing their hearts for corporate worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 22

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

People: **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

All: **Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam;
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam,

Refrain

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

2. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Refrain

3. All the Redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin;
Cast all your burdens now on Him.
Refrain

OLD TESTAMENT READING

- ¹⁶ How much better to get wisdom than gold!
To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.
¹⁷ The highway of the upright turns aside from evil;
whoever guards his way preserves his life.
¹⁸ Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a fall.
¹⁹ It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor
than to divide the spoil with the proud.
²⁰ Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good,
and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful Lord, you have granted us new life in Christ. Yet we confess that we continue to gratify the desires of our sinful nature. Rather than hungering and thirsting for righteousness, we claim your grace as an excuse to continue in our sin. May it never be! Forgive our complacency. Deepen our conviction. And through your Spirit, lead us into a closer observance of all that you have commanded, with gratitude for the perfect obedience that Christ Jesus has accomplished on our behalf.

All Creatures of Our God and King

4. He shall return in pow'r to reign.
Heaven and earth will join to say:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King!

Ending Refrain

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

*V. 1-2, St. Francis of Assisi, translated by William Henry Draper
V. 3-4, Jonathan Baird and Ryan Baird
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Proverbs 16:16-20

HMYN OF ASSURANCE

1. Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by His grace and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He presents our souls to God.

3. Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down.
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

4. Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store,
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more.
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
Has secured our way to God.

5. Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky.
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou art worthy, Lamb of God.

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PRAAYER OF INTERCESSION

CONGREGATIONAL READING

Romans 15:4-6

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON "Right Thinking"

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

ROMANS 12:3-8

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

SERMON NOTES

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

1. Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary;
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

2. Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed,
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Chorus

This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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The Power of the Cross

3. Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its maker bows His head;
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
"Finished," the vict'ry cry!

Chorus

4. Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For, through Your suff'ring, I am free;
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

Chorus 2

This, the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God slain for us;
What a love, what a cost!
We stand, forgiven, at the cross.

REPEAT

HYMN OF RESPONSE

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes.
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious,
Your great name we praise!

2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light;
Not wanting or wasting, You rule us in might;
Your justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Your clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love.

Chorus

Most Holy, most glorious,
The Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious,
Your great name we praise!

Your Great Name We Praise

3. All life comes from You, Lord,
To both great and small;
In all life You live, Lord, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail;
We wither and perish but You never fail!
Chorus

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light;
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight;
All praise we will render, oh Father of grace,
Till one day, in splendor, we see face to face!
Chorus 2X

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BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

POSTLUDE