

# Mercy Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • APRIL 26, 2020 • 10:30 AM

### CALL TO WORSHIP 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:15-16

Leader: To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

**People: He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.**

Leader: Who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see.

**People: To him be honor and eternal dominion.**

**All: Amen!**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### HYMN OF PRAISE                      Your Great Name We Praise

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!

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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## **OLD TESTAMENT READING      Isaiah 49:6-13**

He says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." Thus says the Lord: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners, 'Come out, to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene." Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing. For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

## **HYMN OF CONFESSION**

**Ps. 51**

1. God, be merciful to me,  
On Thy grace I rest my plea;  
Plenteous in compassion Thou,  
Blot out my transgressions now.  
Wash me, make me pure within;  
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

2. My transgressions I confess,  
Grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against Thy grace  
And provoked Thee to Thy face.  
I confess: Thy judgment just;  
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

3. Gracious God, my heart renew;  
Make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from Thee,  
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me.  
Thy salvation's joy impart;  
Steadfast make my willing heart.

4. Sinners then shall learn from me  
And return O God to Thee;  
Savior, all my guilt remove  
And my tongue shall sing Thy love.  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,  
And my mouth shall praise accord.

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## **CONFESSION OF SIN          Psalm 25:11, 18; 51:2-4**

Leader: For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

**People: Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**People: Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.**

Leader: So that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

**People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON          Psalm 32:5**

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## **HYMN OF ASSURANCE          Thy Mercy My God**

1. Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace, alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.
  
2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair,  
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.
  
3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.
  
4. Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper, divine,  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.  
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## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

## **COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **SCRIPTURE READING      Acts 26:19-32**

“Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”

And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind.” But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.” And Agrippa said to

Paul, "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?" And Paul said, "Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains."

Then the king rose, and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them. And when they had withdrawn, they said to one another, "This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment." And Agrippa said to Festus, "This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar."

## **SERMON**                      **"What Makes a Good Sermon"** **- Rev. Bryan Rigg**

- A Speaker called as a servant and witness
- A message that opens the eyes of the people to repentance
- A message that helps the people lay-hold of faith in Christ

## **SONG OF RESPONSE**                      **Man of Sorrows**

1. Man of sorrows, Lamb of God,  
By His own betrayed;  
The sin of man and wrath of God  
Has been on Jesus laid.

2. Silent as He stood accused,  
Beaten, mocked and scorned;  
Bowing to the Father's will,  
He took a crown of thorns.

### **Chorus**

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation,  
Where Your love poured out over me;  
Now my soul cries out, 'Hallelujah!  
Praise and honor unto Thee!'

3. Sent of heaven, God's own Son,  
To purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones  
Who nailed Him to that tree.  
Chorus

### **Bridge**

Now my debt is paid,  
It is paid in full,  
By the precious blood  
That my Jesus spilled;  
Now the curse of sin  
Has no hold on me;  
Whom the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed!

### **REPEAT**

### **Chorus**

4. See the stone is rolled away,  
Behold the empty tomb;  
Hallelujah, God be praised!  
He's risen from the grave!  
Chorus  
Praise and honor unto Thee  
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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**

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