

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:3-6

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People: **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

Leader: He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

People: **Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy; merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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⁹“As I looked,

thrones were placed,
 and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
 his clothing was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
 his throne was fiery flames;
 its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
 and came out from before him;
 a thousand thousands served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
 the court sat in judgment,
 and the books were opened.

¹¹“I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³“I saw in the night visions,
 and behold, with the clouds of heaven
 there came one like a son of man,
 and he came to the Ancient of Days
 and was presented before him.

¹⁴And to him was given dominion
 and glory and a kingdom,
 that all peoples, nations, and languages
 should serve him;
 his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
 which shall not pass away,
 and his kingdom one
 that shall not be destroyed.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION

He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
 I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
 For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

Chorus

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
 For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
 Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
 He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last;
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 Chorus

3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
 Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.
 Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
 'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!
 Chorus 2X

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:25-38

²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

³⁷ And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet. ³⁸ And early in the morning all the people came to him in the temple to hear him.

SERMON

“Let the Reader Understand: Part 2”

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE LORD'S SUPPER HYMN

The Power of the Cross

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 1

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

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

2. All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus

I am bound (women echo)
I am bound (women echo)
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound (women echo)
I am bound (women echo)
I am bound for the promised land.

3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore.
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more.
Chorus

4. When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blest,
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest?

Chorus 2

We are bound (women echo)
We are bound (women echo)
We are bound for the promised land,
We are bound (women echo)
We are bound (women echo)
We are bound for the promised land.

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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!

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