

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 1:1-6

Leader: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

All: But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Leader: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

All: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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!

Words by Reginald Heber; Music by John Dykes © Public Domain

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Aliyah Rachelle Natale

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
from age to age. Amen, amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SONG OF PRAISE

Only a Holy God

1. Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God!

2. What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God!

Chorus

Come and behold Him, The One and the Only.
Cry out! Sing holy! Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God!

3. What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God!
Chorus

4. Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God; only my Holy God!
Chorus 2x

Come and worship the Holy God!
Come and worship the Holy God!

Authors: Dustin R. Smith, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson © 2016 CityAlight.Music

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 3:1-12

- ¹ My son, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments,
- ² for length of days and years of life
and peace they will add to you.
- ³ Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.
- ⁴ So you will find favor and good success
in the sight of God and man.
- ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
- ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
- ⁷ Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
- ⁸ It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.
- ⁹ Honor the Lord with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
- ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.
- ¹¹ My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,
- ¹² for the Lord reproves him whom he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

2. Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

3. Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.

5. Soul, then know thy full salvation;
Rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heav'n, canst thou repine.

6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heav'n's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Authors: Words by Henry Lyte; Music by Mozart (alt. by Bill Moore) © 2001 Bill Moore Music.

SILENT CONFESSION OF 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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Authors: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend
©2005 Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing)

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Before the throne of God, above,
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands.
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

3. Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb!
My perfect spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am,
The King of Glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

*Authors: Words by Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music by
Vikki Cook*
© 1997 Sovereign Grace Worship (Admin. by Integrity's
Hosanna! Music)

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

1. What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand

Chorus

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal.
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death!

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?
Chorus

3. Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore!
Chorus (2x)

Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death!

*Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin,
Matt Merker, Matt Papa
2020 Getty Music Publishing*

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.

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

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CCLI LICENSE #11042946

Bryan Rigg, Pastor • 434-907-0711 (m) • bryan@mercypres.org
101 D Northwynd Circle, Lynchburg, VA 24502 • Website: www.mercypres.org