

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 9:6-7

*Pastor:* For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

*People:* **And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

*Pastor:* Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom to establish it and uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

*People:* **The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

Behold Our God

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands?  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign!  
Chorus

**Chorus**  
Behold our God, seated on His throne.  
Come let us adore Him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare.  
Come let us adore Him!

(Bridge)  
Men: You will reign forever  
Women echo: (Let Your glory fill the earth)  
(REPEAT 4X)  
Chorus 2X

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?  
Chorus

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READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 1:26-33

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

SONG OF PRAISE

Revelation Song

1. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;  
Holy, holy is He!  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat.

2. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;  
Holy, holy is He!  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come!

With all creation I sing,

"Praise to the King of kings!"

You are my ev'rything, and I will adore You.

3. Clothed in rainbows of living color,  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.

Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be  
To you the only wise King!

Chorus

4. Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name.

Jesus, Your name is power,  
Breath and living water; such a marvelous mystery.

Chorus 2X

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord, you have worked such a great salvation through Christ Jesus your Son. We confess our lives do not demonstrate the gratitude they ought. Rather than setting our minds above, where Christ is, seated at your right hand, we are enamored with things below. We are preoccupied with petty matters, overly concerned with what is passing away, when you call us to behold the glory revealed in your Son. Forgive us for granting preeminence to what lasts for but a moment. And place before us once again our Savior—crucified, risen, and ascended—that we might patiently await his appearance in glory.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Revelation 1:5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom of priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

3. Let every kindred every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.

4. O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall,  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING

To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue

(Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for "Equip for Worship" during the last stanza.  
Visitors' children are welcome.)

To Christ the Lord let every tongue,  
Its noblest tribute bring.  
When He's the subject of the song,  
Who can refuse to sing?

To Him I owe my life and breath  
And all the joys I have.  
He makes me triumph over death  
And saves me from the grave;

Survey the beauties of His face,  
And on His glories dwell,  
Think of the wonder of His grace,  
And all His triumphs tell.

To heaven the place of His abode,  
He brings my weary feet,  
Shows me the glories of my God  
And makes my joy complete.

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned,  
Upon His awful brow.  
His head with radiant glories crowned,  
His lips with grace o'erflow;

Since from His bounty I receive  
Such proofs of love divine,  
Had I a thousand hearts to give,  
Lord, they would all be Thine.

No mortal can with Him compare,  
Among the sons of men,  
And fairer He than all the fair,  
That fills the heavenly train.

A thousand men could not compose  
A worthy song to bring,  
Yet Your love is a melody  
Our hearts can't help but sing.

He saw me plunged in deep distress,  
He fled to my relief.  
For me He bore the shameful cross,  
And carried all my grief;

A thousand men could not compose  
A worthy song to bring,  
Yet Your love is a melody  
Our hearts can't help but sing.

His hand a thousand blessings pours,  
Upon my guilty head.  
His presence gilds my darkest hours,  
And guards my sleeping bed.

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**SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 1:3-2:4**

<sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? <sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." <sup>7</sup> Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire." <sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom." <sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

<sup>10</sup> And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; <sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, <sup>12</sup> like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

<sup>13</sup> And to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? <sup>14</sup> Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

<sup>1</sup> Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup> For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup> while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17**

*Pastor: Faith comes from hearing*

*People: And hearing through the word of Christ.*

**SERMON "A Clear Conviction of the Son's Superiority"  
- Rev. Rob Edwards**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE Crown Him with Many Crowns**

1. Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of love;  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.

3. Crown Him the Lord of peace;  
Whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole,  
That wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end;  
And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave;  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

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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**



*"Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
Once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy."  
I Peter 2:10*

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