

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 73: 25-26, 28

Leader: Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

Congregation: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Leader: For me, it is good to be near God.

All: I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF ADORATION

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one,
Lay down thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place
And He has made me glad!
"All ye who labor: are you weary, heavy laden?
Come unto me and rest you'll receive,
For my yoke and my burden are light."

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank
Of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him!
"All ye who labor: are you weary, heavy laden?
Come unto me and life you'll receive,
For my yoke and my burden are light."

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light.
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done.

I looked to Jesus and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done.

"All ye who labor: are you weary, heavy laden?
Come unto me and light you'll receive,
For my yoke and my burden are light.
Come unto me and rest you'll receive,
For my yoke and my burden are light."

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Amos 9:11-15

¹¹"In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, ¹²that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name," declares the LORD who does this. ¹³"Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. ¹⁴I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. ¹⁵I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the LORD your God.

HYMN OF PRAISE His Mercy Is More

Chorus

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
Chorus

2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
Chorus
(Interlude)

3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
Chorus 2X
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

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SCRIPTURE READING Acts 15:1-21 (See Insert)

SERMON "The Jerusalem Council"
-Rev. Bryan Rigg

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF CONFESSION I Boast No More

1. No more, my God, I boast no more
Of all the duties I have done;
I quit the hopes I held before,
To trust the merits of Thy Son

Chorus

(Men) No more my God, (Women echo)
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(Men) No more my God, (Women echo)
(All) I boast no more.

2. Now, for the loss I bear His name,
What was my gain I count my loss;
My former pride I call my shame,
And nail my glory to His cross.
Chorus

3. Yes, and I must and will esteem
All things but loss for Jesus' sake;
O may my soul be found in Him,
And of His righteousness partake!
Chorus

4. The best obedience of my hands
Dares not appear before Thy throne;
But faith can answer Thy demands,
By pleading what my Lord has done.
Chorus 2X

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we have continued in the ways of our first parents. Though made after your image, placed in the garden, and provided for abundantly, they looked away from you for life and found only death. We also foolishly look away from you for life: to possessions, relationships, accomplishments, applause. Such things bring only fleeting pleasure. But you promise life eternal in Christ Jesus our Savior, that in seeking your kingdom all things will be added unto us, as we live not for this age, but for that which has come upon us through him. Deepen our faith, we pray, that we might long for the fullness of our salvation and the abundance of life that you have promised.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil,
Chorus

THE LORD'S SUPPER

By Grace Alone

1. Out of the depths I cry to You,
Lord hear my voice of pleading;
Bend down Your gracious ear, I pray,
Your humble servant heeding.
If You remember each misdeed,
And of each thought and word take heed,
Who can remain before You:
Only by grace, by grace alone.

2. Your pardon is a gift of love,
Your grace alone must save us,
Our works will not remove our guilt,
The strictest life would fail us.
Let none in deeds or merits boast,
But let us own the Holy Ghost
For He alone can change us:
Only by grace, by grace alone.

O Great God

1. O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart;
Own it all and reign supreme,
Conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war;
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more.

2. I was blinded by my sin,
Had no ears to hear Your voice;
Did not know Your love within,
Had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life,
Opened up Your Word to me,
Through the gospel of Your Son,
Gave me endless hope and peace.

The Solid Rock

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
Chorus

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
Chorus (twice)

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3. Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our utmost need it soundeth.
Our kind and faithful Shepherd He,
Who will set all His people free
From all their sin and sorrow:
Only by grace, by grace alone.

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Interlude

3. Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace;
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed;
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me.

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With my every thought and deed;
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me.

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CLOSING HYMN

1. O church, arise, and put your armor on,
Hear the call of Christ our Captain;
For now the weak
Can say that they are strong,
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is Love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.

2. Our call to war: to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword
That makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side,
We know the outcome is secure;
And Christ will have
The prize for which He died:
An inheritance of nations.

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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!

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O Church Arise

3. Come see the cross,
Where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

4. So Spirit come, put strength in every stride;
Give grace for every hurdle.
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

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*“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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