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**Order of Worship**  
**2017**

**August 13,**

Reflection

No wise forward look can ignore the possibility of many sorrows and the certainty of some. Hope has ever something of dread in her eyes. The road will not be always bright and smooth, but will sometimes plunge down into grim cations, where no sunbeams reach. But even that anticipation may be calm. "Thou art with me" is enough. He who guides into the gorge will guide through it. It is not a cul de sac, shut in with precipices, at the far end; but it opens out on shining tablelands, where there is greener pasture.

-Alexander

MacLaren

Prelude

*As worship begins, please silence your electronic devices.*

Call To Worship

*Psalm*

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Leader: Send out your light and your truth, O God; let them lead me.

**People: Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!**

Leader: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy.

**People: I will praise you with songs of joy, O God, my God!**

Song

*Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed be Your name.

Chorus:  
Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say,  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious name."

Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's "all as it should be,"  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be Your name. (Chorus)

You give and take away,  
You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say,  
"Lord blessed be Your name." (Chorus)

Prayer of Adoration

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we who joyfully celebrate Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

*The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible  
and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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:  
World without end,  
Amen, Amen!

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Private Confession

Song

*Lo, the Storms of Life Are Breaking*

Lo the storms of life are breaking,  
Faithless fears our hearts are shaking  
For our succor undertaking,  
Lord and Savior, help us!

Lo! The world from Thee rebelling,

Round Thy Church in pride is swelling  
With Thy word their madness quelling,  
Lord and Savior, help us!

Bridge:

By Thy birth, Thy cross, and passion  
By Thy tears of deep compassion  
By Thy mighty intercession  
Lord and Savior, help us!

On Thine own command relying,  
We our onward task are plying  
Unto Thee for safety sighing,  
Lord and Savior, help us! (Bridge)

Lord and Savior, help us. Lord and Savior, help us.

Words of Pardon and Comfort

*Psalm*

*147:2-3*

The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts  
of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their  
wounds.

Song

*Jesus the Lord My Savior*

*Is*

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,  
My Shepherd, and my God;  
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;  
And I His grace record.

Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells,  
And there it dwells for me;  
'Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills  
With treasures rich and free.  
Mercy and truth and righteousness,  
And peace, most richly meet  
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,  
In Whom I stand complete.

As through the wilderness I roam,  
His mercies I'll proclaim;  
And when I safely reach my home,  
I'll still adore His name.

"Worthy the Lamb," shall be my song,  
"For He for me was slain;"  
And me with all the heavenly throng  
Shall join, and say, "Amen."

Mercy and truth and righteousness,  
And peace, most richly meet  
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,

In Whom I stand complete.

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,  
My Shepherd, and my God;  
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;  
And I His grace record.

*(Children through Kindergarten are dismissed for  
Children's Church; they will return for Communion.)*

Prayer of Intercession (Concluded by the Lord's Prayer)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offertory

Scripture

23:1-6

*Psalm*

A Psalm of David.

23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death,

I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Sermon:  
*Rose*

*Rev. Dan*

*“Our Shepherding God”*

Song:  
*Our God*

Water You turned into wine,  
Opened the eyes of the blind;  
There's no one like You,  
None like You.  
Into the darkness You shine,  
Out of the ashes, we rise;

There's no one like You,  
None like You.

Chorus:  
Our God is greater,  
Our God is stronger;  
God, You are higher than any other.  
Our God is healer,  
Awesome in power, our God, our God.

Water You turned into wine,  
Opened the eyes of the blind;  
There's no one like You,  
None like You.

Into the darkness You shine,  
Out of the ashes, we rise;  
There's no one like You,  
None like You. (Chorus)

And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us,  
And if our God is with us  
Then what could stand against?  
And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us,  
And if our God is with us  
Then what could stand against?  
Then what could stand against? (Chorus)

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, the Lord's Supper (also called Communion or The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving') is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat the bread and drink the elements. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer (see Prayers on page 14) and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are offered in each serving tray.*

### Words of Institution

#### Memorial Acclamation

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

Minister: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All: Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Song

*Abide with Me*

Abide with me; falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,  
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain  
shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We thank you, O God, that through Word and sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. Strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Song

*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the LORD our God  
We are not consumed, by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up (Chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid

For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength (Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom. (Chorus)

### Benediction

### Postlude

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### Prayers

*Prayer for Those Searching for Truth:* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief:* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete

forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin:* Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Pioneer and Perfecter of my faith. Amen.

*Prayer of Commitment:* Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.