
Order of Worship

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Reflection

Worship is the strategy by which we interrupt our preoccupation with ourselves and attend to the presence of God.

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Prelude

As worship begins, please silence your electronic devices.

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12

Leader: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid.

All: For the Lord God is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known in all the earth.

All: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of God, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Song

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;

Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
Who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness
And mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Prayer of Adoration

Our Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer, we gather this morning to worship you. We do not do so in an attempt to earn your favor or

court your blessings, but, rather, we seek you because you first sought us. Accept our prayers this morning – in speech and in song – and receive the praises that we offer. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8

Minister: All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption as children, by whom we cry “Abba! Father!”

All: The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

Minister: And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

All: For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Minister: What then shall we say to these things?

All: If God is for us, who can be against us?...For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Doxology:

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Let all things their creator bless,

And worship him with humbleness!
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we confess that at many times, and in many ways this week, we have sinned, by failing to love others, and by failing to follow you. We acknowledge that we are far more in need of your grace than we know. Forgive us again, dear Father, in the grace of your Son. And empower us, in that same grace, to walk more closely with Him. We ask these things in His name, Amen.

Private Confession

Song

Lord I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
And without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus:

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness

Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me (Chorus)

So, teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay (Chorus)

My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Words of Pardon and Comfort

1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

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Song

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus:

Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Chorus)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near.
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Chorus)

*(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.**

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Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

If you have a financial gift, you may place it in the offering plate, located on the information table. Donations can also be given electronically; see highdesertpca.com for more information.

Scripture

James 1:19-27

Sermon

Rev. Dan Rose

"Hearers and Doers"

A Faith That Works: The Book of James

Song

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God whose giving knows no ending
From Your rich and endless store
Nature's wonder Jesus' wisdom
Costly cross grave's shattered door
Gifted by You we turn to You
Offering up ourselves in praise
Thankful song shall rise forever
Gracious donor of our days

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ Your Son
All at peace in health and freedom

Races joined the church made one
Now direct our daily labor
Lest we strive for self alone
Born with talents make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne

Treasure too You have entrusted
Gain through powers Your grace conferred
Ours to use for home and kindred
And to spread the gospel word
Open wide our hands in sharing
As we heed Christ's ageless call
Healing teaching and reclaiming
Serving You by loving all

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 15) 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. Gluten-free bread is also available.

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.

Song

Before the Throne

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is love,
Whoever 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.

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.

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.

Song

The Solid Rock

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.

When darkness veils his lovely face,

I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. (Chorus)

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)

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)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this in Christ, our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song

I am Resolved

I am resolved no longer to linger
Charmed by the world's delight
Things that are higher
Things that are nobler
These have allured my sight

Chorus:
I will hasten to Him

Hasten so glad and free
Jesus greatest highest
I will come to Thee

I am resolved to go to the Savior
Leaving my sin and strife
He is the true one
He is the just one
He hath the words of life

I am resolved to follow the Savior
Faithful and true each day
Heed what He sayeth
Do what He willeth
He is the living way

I am resolved to enter the kingdom
Leaving the paths of sin
Friends may oppose me
Foes may beset me
Still will I enter in

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.