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## Order of Worship

December 29, 2024

### Reflection

Your rest is not to be found in figuring your life out, but in trusting the One who has it all figured out for your good and his glory.

– Paul Tripp

### Prelude

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

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 63*

Leader: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

**People: Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.**

Leader: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

**People: I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.**

### Song

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King;

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,  
Before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice.  
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend;  
To us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end.  
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore,  
His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore,  
"Alleluia! Amen!"

### Prayer of Adoration

O merciful Lord, you are our refuge and strength: by  
your power you protect us from the ways of this world,

by your grace you sustain us through all adversity and temptation, and for your glory you will bring us into everlasting peace. To you be all honor, all praise and dominion, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God for all eternity. Amen.

### Affirmation of Faith

*Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 1-3*

Leader: What is the chief end of man?

**All: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.**

Leader: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

**All: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.**

Minister: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

**All: The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.**

### Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God whose light fills all the earth  
Whose love we see in Jesus' birth  
Whose Spirit forms one family  
Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

**Lord Jesus, we are guilty, but pardoned, lost, but saved, wandering but found, sinning, but cleansed. Grant us to hear your voice assuring us: that by your stripes we are healed, that you were bruised for our iniquities, that you have been made sin for us that we might be righteous in you, that our grievous sins, our manifold sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of your concealing blood. Amen.**

Private Confession

Song

*Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat*

Approach my soul, the mercy seat  
Where Holy One and helpless meet  
There fall before my Judge's feet  
Thy promise is my only plea, O God

Send wings to lift the clutch of sin  
You who dwell between the cherubim  
From war without and fear within  
Relieve the grief from the shoulders of crumbling men

Chorus:

O God, pour out Your mercy to me  
My God, oh what striking love to bleed.

Fashion my heart in Your alchemy  
With the brass to front the devil's perjury  
And surefire grace my Jesus speaks  
I must; I will; I do believe, Oh Lord. (Chorus)

Words of Pardon and Comfort                      *Colossians 1:13-14*

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Song    *Joy to the World!*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
    Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
    And heaven and nature sing,  
    And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns:  
    Let men their songs employ;  
    While fields and floods,  
    Rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
    Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

*(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.**

High Desert Highlights

*See 'Church Life' on p. 15*

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](http://highdesertpca.com) for more information.*

Scripture

*1 John 1:1-4*

Sermon

*Rev. Dan Rose*

*"Joy to the World!"*

*O Come, Let Us Adore Him: Songs Fit for a King*

Song

*And Can It Be?*

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me who caused His pain!  
For me who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be That  
Thou, my God, should die for me?

Chorus:

Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me! (Chorus)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. (Chorus)

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own (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. 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

*For the Bread*

For the bread which you have broken,  
For the wine which you have poured,  
For the words, which you have spoken,  
Now we give you thanks O Lord.

By this pledge that you do love us,  
By your gift of peace restored,  
By your call to heaven before us,  
Sanctify our lives O Lord.

With our sainted ones in glory,  
Seated at our Father's board,  
May the Church that waits now for Thee,  
Keep love's tie unbroken Lord.

In your service Lord defend us.  
In our hearts keep watch and ward.  
In the world where'r you send us,  
May your kingdom come O Lord

Song

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

“Man of sorrows!” what a name  
For the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude  
In my place condemned He stood  
Sealed my pardon with His blood  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we  
Spotless Lamb of God was He  
Full atonement! Can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die  
“It is finished!” was His cry  
Now in Heav’n exalted high  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King  
All His ransomed home to bring  
Then anew His song we’ll sing  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious God, Jesus is the center point of history, and his presence is our new beginning. Center our lives on your lavish grace that not only saves but renews us to be like Jesus. May our godly living be a fitting testimony of thanksgiving that draws others to the joyful reign of Christ the King. Amen.**

Song

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.

Chorus:

I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land,  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more. (Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in His bosom rest? (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.