
Order of Worship

February 11, 2024

Reflection

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt.

- Abraham Lincoln

Prelude

As worship begins, please silence your electronic devices.

Call to Worship

Psalm 108

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being!

People: Awake! I will awaken the dawn!

Leader: I will praise you LORD, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

People: For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies!

Song

Come, People of the Risen King

Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach

To gather children in

Chorus:

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace (Chorus)

Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all (Chorus)

Prayer of Adoration

Our Father, rich in mercy, splendid in grace, wisdom and justice go before you; peace and righteousness are at your right hand. Lord of heaven above, you are God and you alone. Give ear to our prayers in

the name of Jesus, for we would worship you in him. He is our great high priest; He is our intercessor and mediator. Give ear to our prayers that we might serve you as a royal priesthood, your own people, for you are our God and you alone. To you be all honor, all praise and glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God for all eternity. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 31*

Minister: Why is Jesus called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

All: Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

Gloria Patri:

Meineke

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

Almighty God, we believe that you are coming again in power to judge the earth. But we confess that we have not lived as those who daily expect your kingdom. We have spoken harsh words, thought impure thoughts, and lived casual lives. We have ignored your promised judgment by not loving you with our whole hearts or our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us and forgive us for all our offenses. In your tender kindness, embrace us with your fatherly love and fill our hearts with the joyful expectation of seeing you, face to face. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Private Confession

Song

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,

Every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all. (Refrain)

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him. (Refrain)

Words of Pardon and Comfort

Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; Great is his faithfulness!

Song

Show Us Christ

Prepare our hearts, O God
Help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us
Cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in Your truth

Chorus:

Show us Christ, show us Christ

O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise
Your Word is food for famished ones
Freedom for the slave
Riches for the needy soul
Come speak to us today (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.**

High Desert Highlights

See 'Church Life' on page 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 for more information.

Scripture

James 3:1-12

Sermon

Rev. Dan Rose

“Taming the Tongue”

A Faith That Works: The Book of James

Song

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy Name.

Jesus! The Name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner’s ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;

His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

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

I Will Boast

I will boast only in the cross
Where my Savior died for me
Nothing else no other love
Goes so far and runs so deep

I will boast only in the cross
See His head His hands and feet
Scars of grace the scars that heal
He broke the curse and set me free

Chorus

Only One took the nails
Only One tore the veil
Only One spotless Lamb
I will boast only in the cross

I will boast only in the cross
The Father's love at Calvary
My sin erased my debt He paid
This is my hope the song I sing
This is my hope the song I sing (Chorus)

I will boast only in the cross

Song

Higher Ground

I'm pressing on the upward way
New heights I'm gaining ev'ry day
Still praying as I'm onward bound
Lord plant my feet on higher ground

Chorus:

Lord lift me up and let me stand
By faith on heaven's tableland
A higher plane than I have found
Lord plant my feet on higher ground

My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay
Tho' some may dwell where these abound
My pray'r my aim is higher ground (Chorus)

I want to live above the world
Tho' Satan's darts at me are hurled
For faith has caught the joyful sound
The song of saints on higher ground (Chorus)

I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found
Lord lead me on to higher ground (Chorus)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song

How Can I Keep from Singing?

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.

I hear the real, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It sounds and echoes in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

What, though my joys and comforts die,
The Lord, my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night it giveth. (Refrain)

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

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.