
Order of Worship

February 9, 2025

Reflection

What people revere, they resemble, either for ruin or restoration.

- G.K. Beale

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

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing.
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Savior.
The Hope of nations.

Chorus:
Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save.
He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me,
All my fears and failures.
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow,
Everything I believe in.
Now I surrender. (Chorus)

Shine your light,
And let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King, Jesus!
Shine your light,
And let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King. (Chorus)

Prayer of Adoration

Oh, great God, our Redeemer and our King, we adore you and raise our voices in praise of your holy name. You are gracious and we ask you to lift the burdens we carry so we may be free to proclaim your goodness to all the earth; you are mighty and we ask you to break the chains that bind us so we may reflect your glory; you are loving and we ask you to breathe life into our hearts so we may echo ten thousand saints in singing of your majesty! Amen, and Amen!

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, 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, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose 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.

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

Almighty God, you sent Jesus to this world, raised Him from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not always bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have often gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him the glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may live as the people of God. Fill us with your Spirit that we would delight in your commandments unto obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is sole king and head of the Church, his body. Amen.

Private Confession

Song

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that left Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Words of Pardon and Comfort

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together” says the LORD.

“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

Song

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising
We worship You today
And sing the love amazing
That songs cannot repay

For we can only wonder
At every gift You send
At blessings without number
And mercies without end

We lift our hearts before You
And wait upon Your word
We honor and adore You
Our great and mighty Lord

Then hear O gracious Savior
Accept the love we bring
That we who know Your favor
May serve You as our king

And whether our tomorrows
Be filled with good or ill
We'll triumph through our sorrows
And rise to bless You still

To marvel at Your beauty
And glory in Your ways
And make a joyful duty
Our sacrifice of praise

*(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 16*

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

(To Be Announced)

Sermon

Rev. Brandon Terry

Song

Not What My Hands Have Done

Not what my hands have done
Can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne
Can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do
Can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers,
And sighs and tears
Can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ,
Can ease this weight of sin
Thy blood alone O Lamb of God,
Can give me peace within.
Thy love to me O God,
Not mine, O Lord, to Thee
Can rid me of
This dark unrest,
And set my spirit free!

Thy grace alone, O God,
To me can pardon speak;
Thy power alone O Son of God,
Can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save Thine,
No other blood will do,
No strength save that,
Which is divine,
Can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God;
I rest on love divine;
And with unfaltering lip and heart,
I call this Savior mine.
His cross dispels each doubt,
I bury in His tomb
My unbelief,
And all my fear,
Each lingering shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace,
I trust His truth and might
He calls me His, I call Him mine,
My God, my joy, my light
Tis He Who saveth me,
And freely pardon gives
I love because
He loveth me,
I live because He lives!

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

Only A Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles

Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice

Only a Holy God

Chorus:

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only

Cry out, sing holy

Forever a Holy God

Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God (Chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God! (Chorus)

Song

Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause O God
Engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves
But for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come

Chorus:

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come

Give us Your strength O God
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want
Whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till
Our dying breath (Chorus x2)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Song

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior
Lord there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my Shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You!

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing;
Power and majesty
Praise to the King!
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name!

I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands;
Forever I'll love You,
Forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

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.