
Order of Worship

April 12, 2026

Reflection

Because He lives, His people live also—supported in life, comforted in death, and raised to glory at last.

- John Newton

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

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us
with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and
worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ,
our Lord. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

Ephesians 2:4-7

Minister: Christians, how does Christ's resurrection and ascension benefit us?

All: God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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

Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace.

We have lifted our voices to you in praise, but we have used those same voices to speak ill of others. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your call in the needs of our neighbor.

We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Song

Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Words of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 5:8

God shows his love for us in that while we were still
sinners, Christ died for us.

Song

Better is One Day

How lovely is Your dwelling place,
O Lord Almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus (x2):

Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts,
Than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek:
To see Your beauty,
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells. (Repeat) (Chorus x2)

My heart and flesh cry out
For You, the Living God.
Your Spirit's water to my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen,
Come once again to me.
I will draw near to You.
I will draw near to You. (Chorus x2)

*(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

John 8:12-30

Sermon

Rev. Dan Rose

“The Light of the World”

So That You May Believe: The Gospel of John

Song

Our Great Savior

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners
Jesus, lover of my soul
Friends may fail me, foes assail me
He, my Savior, makes me whole

Refrain:

Hallelujah, what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end

Jesus, what a strength in weakness
Let me hide myself in him
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. (Refrain)

Jesus, what a help in sorrow
While the billows o'er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking
He, my comfort, helps my soul (Refrain)

Jesus, what a guide and keeper
While the tempest still is high
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me
He, my pilot, hears my cry (Refrain)

Jesus, I do now receive him
More than all in him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness
I am his, and he is mine (Refrain)

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

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross
There a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain

Chorus:

In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river

Near the cross, a trembling soul
Love and mercy found me
There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me (Chorus)

Near the cross, O Lamb of God
Bring its scenes before me
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadows o'er me (Chorus)

Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping, trusting ever
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river (Chorus)

Song

Thine is the Glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!!
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through Thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.
(Refrain)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Song

Our Song from Age to Age

Oh God of power living Word
The One who made the stars
Who with Your glory filled the earth
From dust made beating hearts
You loved us when we fell away
Poured mercy on our souls
And promised grace would come to save
To loose death's iron hold

You are our song from age to age
Our voices unite to recount Your praise
Again and again

Oh God of promises fulfilled
The God who took on flesh
Who did all that the Father willed
Was humbled unto death
You bore our cross of sin and shame
Endured our agony
With gladness we now bear Your name
And worship at Your feet

Chorus:

You are our song from age to age
Our voices unite to recount Your praise
Again and again
You are our song from age to age
We will proclaim Your power to save
Again and again

Oh God who surely guides our steps
Through tempests and through trials
Our Shepherd King Your way is best
Though tears now veil our eyes
Your steadfast love our perfect hope
Our eyes are fixed on grace
We have no doubt You'll lead us home
To finally see Your face (Chorus)

Oh God of all of history
Enthroned in realms of light
What eyes of faith have strained to see
Will one day fill our sight
With all the saints we'll lay our crowns
Before the Savior's feet
And sing as all the heav'ns resound
For all eternity (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.