
Order of Worship

April 19, 2026

Reflection

People often ask, “Why do bad things happen to good people?” and I say, “that’s only happened once and He volunteered.”

- R.C. Sproul

Prelude

As worship begins, please silence your electronic devices.

Call to Worship

Revelation 15

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

People: Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Leader: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

People: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!

Song

The God of Abraham Praise

The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days,
and God of Love;

Jehovah, great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.

The great I AM has sworn;
I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle's wings upborne,
to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace
forevermore.

The heavenly land I see,
with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty,
and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.

The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry
"Almighty King!"

Who was, and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM,
we worship thee!” (Repeat)

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. 34*

Minister: Why do we call Jesus “our Lord”?

All: Because— not with gold or silver, but with His precious blood— He has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be His very own.

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, your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than our sin. Forgive our shallow attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of others, our neglect of your wise law. Change us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Song

Broken Vessels

All these pieces
Broken and scattered
In mercy gathered
Mended and whole
Empty handed
But not forsaken
I've been set free
I've been set free

Chorus:
Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
Oh, I once was lost
But now I am found
Was blind but now I see

Oh, I can see You now
Oh, I can see the love in Your eyes
Laying Yourself down
Raising up the broken to life

You take our failure
You take our weakness
You set Your treasure
In jars of clay
So take this heart, Lord
I'll be Your vessel
The world to see Your life in me (Chorus)

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 *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)

*(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.

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Scripture

John 8:31-60

Sermon

Rev. Dan Rose

"Who is Your Father?"

So That You May Believe: The Gospel of John

Song

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
Feed me now and ever more;
Feed me now and ever more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

Musing on my habitation,
Musing on my heav'nly home,
Fills my soul with holy longings:

Come, my Jesus, quickly come;
Vanity is all I see;
Lord, I long to be with Thee!
Lord, I long to be with Thee!

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

Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall

There is still one King
Reigning over all
So I will not fear
For this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

Chorus:
None above Him none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone
O His love is sure
And He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days (Chorus)

Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Savior king
Then my joy complete
Standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days (Chorus)

Song

Christ is Risen

Let no one caught in sin
Remain inside the lie of inward shame,
But fix our eyes upon the cross,
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us,
Freely You've bled for us.

Chorus:

Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling over death by death
Come awake, come awake,
Come and rise up from the grave.
Christ is risen from the dead,
We are one with Him again
Come awake, come awake,
Come and rise up from the grave.

Beneath the weight of all our sin,
You bowed to none but heaven's will;
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,
No burden great can hold You down.
In strength You reign;
Forever let Your church proclaim. (Chorus)

O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light;
The glory of God has defeated the night.

O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light;
Our God is not dead
He's alive, He's alive! (Chorus)

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

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.