
Order of Worship

April 6, 2025

Reflection

We are more sure to arrive out of our graves than out of our beds.

- Thomas Watson

Prelude

As worship begins, please silence your electronic devices.

Call to Worship

Psalm 118

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let those who fear the LORD say “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Leader: The LORD is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.

All: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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

Gracious Father, your ever new mercies have made us yours and will keep us yours. Your Word has given us life and will sustain us in the journey. Your Spirit has united us to your Son, making his story ours. O Father above us, Son of God with us, and Spirit in us, inhabit the praises of your people this morning! Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Minister: Christians, what do we believe?

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

Lord Jesus, our Savior and our King, you did not disdain the company of sinners but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; our misdeeds are beyond correcting.

Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we could never fix. Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you. Amen.

Private Confession

Song *Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted (Look to Jesus)*

Come ye souls by, sin afflicted,
Bowed with fruitless, sorrow down.
By the broken, law convicted,
Through the cross, behold the crown.
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus;
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy, yoke and wear it;
Love will make your, obedience sweet.
Christ will give you, strength to bear it
While His grace, shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory,
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the, eyes that see Him,
Blest the ears that, hear His voice;
Blessed are the, souls that trust Him,
And in Him, alone rejoice;

His commandments, His commandments, His
commandments
Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to, pilgrims weary,
Light to newly, opened eyes,
Like full springs in, deserts dreary
Is the rest, the cross supplies.
All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus;
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Words of Pardon and Comfort *Isaiah 55:6-7*
Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while
he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the
unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord,
that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for
he will abundantly pardon.

Song *Reign in Me*
With groanings too deep for words
I yearn for You I yearn for You
With all of my weakness I come
In need of You in need of You

Chorus:
Savior save me
Healer heal me
Jesus have Your way
King of glory reign in me
Reign in me

I surrender to You alone
Your will be done Your will be done
With all of my heart I resign
My life to You it's all for You (Chorus)

Forever I will say You are good
And Your promises will never fade away
Never fade away
You're pouring out Your strength
And Your joy is everlasting
I will never be the same
Oh I will never be the same (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 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 highdeserttpca.com for more information.

Scripture

Acts 20:1-16

Sermon

Rev. Dan Rose

“A Week in Troas”

You Will Be My Witnesses: The Book of Acts

Song

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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

I Will Trust My Savior Jesus

I will trust my savior Jesus
When my darkest doubts befall
Trust Him when to simply trust Him
Seems the hardest thing of all

I will trust my savior Jesus
Trust Him when my strength is small
For I know the shield of Jesus
Is the safest place of all

Chorus:
Jesus, only Jesus
Help me trust You more and more
Jesus, only Jesus
May my heart be ever Yours

I will trust my savior Jesus
He has said His way is best
And I know the path He's chosen
Leads to everlasting rest (Chorus)

Oh on that cross, how it was seen
I can go now ever trusting in the One who died for me
What could I bring, for Your gift is complete
So I trust You, simply trust You, Lord
with every part of me (Chorus)

Song *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed (At the Cross)*

Alas and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sov'reign die
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I

Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree
Amazing pity grace unknown
And love beyond degree

Chorus:
At the cross at the cross
Where I first saw the light
And the burden of my heart rolled away
It was there by faith I received my sight
And now I am happy all the day

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut His glories in
When Christ the mighty Maker died
For man the creature's sin

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While Calvary's cross appears
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt mine eyes to tears (Chorus)

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe
Here Lord I give myself away
'Tis all that I can do (Chorus)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this meal, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.

**Lord, may we live to your glory, both as
sojourners on earth and citizens of the
commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

Song

There is One Gospel

There is one Gospel on which I stand
For all eternity

It is my story my Father's plan
The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace
My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling
All else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet
He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring
No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found
The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Saviour down
He lives and I am free

Now on my Saviour I fix my eyes
My life is His and His hope is mine
For he has promised I too will rise
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one
We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on
To lead us safely home
And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Saviour the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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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.