
prelude

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As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.

Sweet Hour of Prayer – William B. Bradbury, arranged by Dennis Alexander

Abide with Me – William H. Monk, arranged by Dennis Alexander

It Is Well with My Soul – Philip P. Bliss, arranged by Cindy Berry

preparing our hearts

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

– Psalm 16:11_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

All: **According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope.**

Leader: Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him

All: **And we rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,**

Leader: And so obtain the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

– Adapted from 1 Peter 1:3, 8-9_{ESV}

** Please stand if you are able

O WORSHIP THE KING

O worship the King, all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end;
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: Our God, you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. You alone are our hope for salvation and refuge from the storm. Your presence establishes our peace, and your covenant carries forward our strength and faith, for you establish us and sustain your children according to your steadfast love. Therefore, let us hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, Christ Jesus our Lord, and receive the care of your Holy Spirit who counsels us by grace. In your Holy Name, Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

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 Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

* Here, "catholic" means "universal," and refers to the Christian church in all places

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name. *

** Pre-Chorus:*

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

+ *Chorus:*

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name. *

Bridge (2x):

You give and take away, you give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name. +

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: 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;

– Isaiah 55:6-7a ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Almighty and most merciful Father,**
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent;
According to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Grant that we may hereafter live godly, righteous, and sober lives;
To the glory of his holy name. Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

All: **All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

– Isaiah 53:5-6 ESV

ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left thee;
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.

I need thy presence, every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight; tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting, Death? Where, Grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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As Epiphany celebrates the revelation of salvation in Christ, the secondary texts throughout this season will be from Matthew's account of Jesus' early life and ministry.

Leader: Matthew 2:13-23
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,
**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

While your preschool children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3-5.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

When instructed, greet those around you, saying, "The peace of Christ be with you." When the music begins, please be seated and prepare yourself for the hearing of God's Word.

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Series | “The Songs of Jesus – Praying the Psalms”

Sermon | “When You Need Help”

Psalm 23 ESV

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name’s sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

forever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

1. Follow the Good Shepherd
2. Feast with the Generous Host
3. Followed by Goodness and Mercy

**** gospel charge**

Leader: In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

All: Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

– Hebrews 13:5-6 ESV

WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength 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, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.

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.

Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.

If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays. During the celebration of communion, we will reflect during the passing of the bread and sing the printed hymn during the passing of the cup.

NOTE TO PARENTS: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24^{ESV}

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Hear us then, as we pray.

All: Thank you, Father, for making Christ known to us in the bread that is broken and the cup that is filled. May this meal now enable us to increase in faith, persevere in hope, and grow up in love. May this witness to Christ’s death draw others into fellowship with him so that all your children will be gathered in to share with us the joy of your salvation. Send us out from this place by your Spirit, our ears open to your Word, our minds alert to the calling you give us, our hearts full of zeal for your coming kingdom, our voices confessing the name of Jesus, our Lord and our God. Amen.

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

As the bread is distributed, examine your heart and reflect on the meaning of this supper, that you would take it in a worthy manner.

As the cup is distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.

HOW SWEET AND AWESOME IS THE PLACE

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?"

"Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room,
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
Send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

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**** offering
& song of thanksgiving**

GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE

Give to our God Immortal praise; mercy and truth are all his ways,
Wonders of grace to God belong: Repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown:
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more.

He sent his Son with power to save from guilt, and darkness, and the grave:
Wonders of grace to God belong: Repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vain world he guides our feet, and leads us to his heavenly seat:
His mercies ever shall endure when this vain world shall be no more.

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announcements

Please note the announcements found on Pages 17-20 of your bulletin.

**** benediction**

**** doxology**

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him all creatures here below
 Praise him above ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**