
preparing our hearts

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

– Psalm 86:11_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: Praise the LORD!

All: Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

Leader: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

All: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Leader: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

– Psalm 113:1-4_{ESV}

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King throughout eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high;
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity!

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**** prayer of invocation**

Leader: Loving God, we come to you in worship and thanksgiving. You are greater than we can understand. Open our eyes to see the wonderful truths you have shown to us in Jesus. Help us to give ourselves to you in worship so that we can learn what you want us to be. Still our minds so that we can understand the things you are saying to us. Be with your children as we seek your face and walk in your ways. This we pray in the Name who sealed our adoption, Jesus Christ. 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

GRACE THAT IS GREATER THAN OUR SIN

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt;
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. *

** Chorus:*

Grace, grace, God's grace; grace that will pardon and cleanse within.

Grace, grace, God's grace; grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross! *

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace; freely bestowed on all who believe.
You that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

– 1 John 2:1-2_{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: Father in Heaven,
It is before your face that we live –
Every thought and desire, every belief and action –
You see us and know us as we truly are.
Forgive us, therefore, Lord, for we have not glorified you as we ought.
We have not kept ourselves pure;
We have not lived as citizens in your kingdom.
Instead, we do what is right in our own eyes.
Forgive us, gracious God, for we know our sight has faltered.
Turn our eyes to Jesus and away from the glittering vices of life.
Turn our eyes to Jesus and away from the false righteousness of self.
Turn our eyes to Jesus, that we might believe upon him
And have eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

– 1 Peter 1:3_{ESV}

All: Thanks be to God.

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. *

** Chorus:*

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more,
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. *

What riches of kindness he lavished on us?
His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. *

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Leader: Isaiah 43:1-11
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

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.**

** passing the peace

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.

An elder will lead the passing of the peace. If you are joining us from your home, please unmute yourself so that you can greet one another. If you are gathered here with us today, greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ while being careful to practice safe social distancing.

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Ephesians 1:3-14 ^{ESV} | 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

1. Why We Need Redemption
2. How We Get Redemption
3. Why Redemption Makes Us Sing

**** gospel charge**

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

All: Jesus said, “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”

– Adapted from John 15:16_{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, please wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. There are two tabs on the communion sets. The clear tab on top opens the bread. The tab underneath opens the grape juice.

Please hold on to your materials to dispose of on your way out of the sanctuary. If you have a gluten allergy, please indicate this when prompted and to your server, to receive a gluten-free wafer. During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymn.

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

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

– Matthew 26:26-29 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: Father, we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his willing obedience and suffering during his life on earth, and for his sacrifice of his body and blood on the cross. As we partake of these, your gifts of the bread and the cup, give us assurance that we are made whole by his body and our sins are pardoned through his blood. Fill our minds with your peace and turn our eyes to heaven, where Christ is at your right hand interceding for us. Enable us to offer up ourselves in service to Christ and unite us with each other through your Spirit so that we may continue in the living hope of our Savior’s coming in glory. Hear us now through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 elements are distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.

JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in me your all in all.”*

* *Chorus:*

Jesus paid it all; all to him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
Can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone. *

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim;
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary’s Lamb. *

And when, before the throne I stand in him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat. *

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ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands;
My name is written on his hands. *

** Chorus:*

Arise (arise), arise (arise), Arise, arise my soul, arise. (x2)
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for every race, his blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. *

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry;
“Let not that ransomed sinner die!” *

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear.
He owns me for his child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba Father,” cry. *

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**** 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.**