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A community of worshipping, maturing,  
and multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ,  
to the glory of God the Father,  
by the power of His Spirit,  
and in the hope of God's Kingdom.



## A WORD ABOUT OUR LITURGY

The elements and sequence that make up  
our worship service (the liturgy) is the way  
we tell ourselves, one another, and all in this place,  
the grand story of the Triune God:  
the story of God pursuing a people  
despite their wanderings and forgetfulness,  
and shaping them into His people for His glory.



## QUIETING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Now in the haven of untroubled rest  
I land at last —  
the hunger and the thirst and weary quest  
forever past.  
There Lord, to lose in bliss of Thine embrace  
the [unfaithful] will.  
There, in the radiance of Thy blessed face,  
be hushed and still.  
There, speechless at Thy pierced feet  
see none and nought beside,  
and know but this — that Thou art sweet,  
that I am satisfied.

~ *Gerhard Tersteegen*

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION & ADORATION

# GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

We gather at the invitation of God through His Word.  
He speaks first, revealing Himself to us,  
and we respond with one voice in joy and thanksgiving!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 90:1–2,14*

**P: Lord, You have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever You had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting You are God. ...  
Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.**

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**Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.**

**Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

Words by Robert Robinson (1758).

Music by John Wyeth (1813).

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### *My Redeemer*

**I will sing of my Redeemer,  
And His wondrous love to me;  
On the cruel cross He suffered,  
From the curse to set me free.**

**I will tell the wondrous story,  
How my lost estate to save;  
In His boundless love and mercy,  
He the ransom freely gave.**

***Sing, O sing, of my Redeemer,  
With His blood He purchased me.  
On the cross He sealed my pardon,  
Paid the debt and made me free.***

**I will sing of my Redeemer,  
And His heav'nly love to me;  
He from death to life hath brought me,  
Son of God with Him to be.**

***Sing, O sing, of my Redeemer,  
With His blood He purchased me.  
On the cross He sealed my pardon,  
Paid the debt and made me free.***

Words by Philip P. Bliss (1876). Music by Luke Morton (2005).

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## GOD CLEANSSES US

We gather each week as sinners in constant need of His mercy. The corporate confession of sin acknowledges this and invites honest expression before God. However, God isn't silent as we cry out to Him — He assures us that His grace is bigger than our sin. God's forgiveness is for all those who humble themselves before Him in Christ Jesus.

## NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

*John 7:53 – 8:11*

<sup>53</sup> They went each to his own house, <sup>1</sup> but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> Early in the morning He came again to the temple. All the people came to Him, and He sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup> The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst <sup>4</sup> they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do You say?" <sup>6</sup> This they said to test Him, that they might have some charge to bring against Him. Jesus bent down and wrote with His finger on the ground. <sup>7</sup> And as they continued to ask Him, He stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup> And once more He bent down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before Him. <sup>10</sup> Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" <sup>11</sup> She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**P: Heavenly Father, forgive us for forgetting  
Who You are and what You've done.**

**Forgive us for forgetting that You love us,  
and instead, laying all our hopes and dreams  
at the feet of our idols.**

**Help us to meditate on Your Word,  
remember Your promises and believe them,  
and to run to You in the midst of our fears  
with hearts of gratitude  
and growing confidence in You alone.**

**Through Jesus we pray. Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*In these moments, we confess our personal sins to God  
so that we may take hold of the forgiveness  
won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**M: To all who turn from sin in sorrow,  
to all who turn to God in hope,  
this is God's Word of grace:**

*In Jesus, you are accepted,  
you are forgiven,  
you are loved.*

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

*Through the Precious Blood*

**You have ordained every breath we take,  
In pleasure or pain there is no mistake.  
Gladness and grief, both are in Your hands,  
And sufferings brief carry out Your plan.**

**And our fleeting sorrows  
will yield an endless prize,  
When some bright tomorrow  
we'll see You with our eyes.**

***And grace upon grace  
flows down, flows down,  
And grace upon grace  
flows down, flows down,  
Through the precious blood of Christ.***

**Father of lights, Giver of all grace,  
Your mercies crown our lives all our days.  
River of life quench our thirsty souls,  
For no true delight does Your love withhold.**

**And in every season  
we are satisfied,  
For just one reason,  
Christ was crucified.**

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## **GOD SPEAKS TO US**

**The Holy Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word  
a crucial means of growing and comforting God's people  
and awakening people to new faith in Jesus.**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

# READING OF THE WORD

## *Psalm 81*

- 1 Sing aloud to God our strength;  
shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
- 2 Raise a song; sound the tambourine,  
the sweet lyre with the harp.
- 3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon,  
at the full moon, on our feast day.
- 4 For it is a statute for Israel,  
a rule of the God of Jacob.
- 5 He made it a decree in Joseph  
when He went out over the land of Egypt.  
I hear a language I had not known:
- 6 "I relieved your shoulder of the burden;  
your hands were freed from the basket.
- 7 In distress you called, and I delivered you;  
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;  
I tested you at the waters of Meribah. *Selah*
- 8 Hear, O My people, while I admonish you!  
O Israel, if you would but listen to Me!
- 9 There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
- 10 I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- 11 "But My people did not listen to My voice;  
Israel would not submit to Me.
- 12 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,  
to follow their own counsels.
- 13 Oh, that My people would listen to Me,  
that Israel would walk in My ways!
- 14 I would soon subdue their enemies  
and turn My hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe toward Him,  
and their fate would last forever.
- 16 But He would feed you with the finest of the wheat,  
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."



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**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.**

PREACHING OF THE WORD

*“Honey from the Rock”*  
*Pastor Nate Hitchcock*

PRAYER

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## GIVING TO THE LORD

*1 Chronicles 29:14b*

All things come from You,  
and of Your own have we given You.

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure;  
Save from wrath and make me pure.**

**Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When my eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee.**

Words by Augustus Montague Toplady (1776);  
altered by Thomas Cotterill (1815)  
Music by Thomas Hastings (1830)  
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# GOD COMMUNES WITH US

The Lord's Supper is a meal for the family of God, given by Jesus the night before His death to be celebrated until His return. It points back to the cross, forward to the return of King, and spiritually nourishes us for today as we eat and drink in faith.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

*The Apostles' Creed*

**P: I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits on the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty;  
from there He shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## DOXOLOGY

**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.**

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Please come forward to receive the elements from the elders at the table, then return to your seats. Please HOLD elements until we can all partake TOGETHER.*

## SONG OF MEDITATION

*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 whole church full,  
that all the chosen race  
May, with one voice and heart and soul,  
sing Your redeeming grace.**

Words by Isaac Watts (1707; Alt. 1961, 1990, mod.)  
Old Irish hymn melody (alt. 1990)  
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# GOD SENDS US

We end by receiving God's promises to us as His people.  
He will be with us as we serve Him in this world,  
to the end of all time.

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