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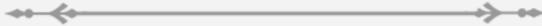


A community of worshipping, maturing,  
and multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ,  
to the glory of God the Father,  
by the power of His Spirit,  
and in the hope of God's Kingdom.



## 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

*Thou Great I AM,  
I acknowledge and confess that all things come from You —  
life, breath, happiness,  
sight, touch, hearing,  
goodness, truth, beauty.  
Give me grace to know more of my need of grace;  
Show me my sinfulness that I may willingly confess it;  
Reveal to me my weakness that I may know my strength in You.  
I need healing,  
Good Physician, come and manifest Your power;  
I need faith;  
You who have given it me,  
maintain, strengthen, increase it,  
Centre it upon the Savior's work,  
upon the majesty of the Father,  
upon the operations of the Spirit;  
Work it in me now that I may never doubt You  
as the truthful, mighty, faithful God.  
Then I can bring my heart to You  
full of love, gratitude, hope, joy.*

~ *The Personal Touch* from the *Valley of Vision* (modified)

## 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 89:5–8*

M: Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD,  
Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!  
For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?  
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,  
a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,  
and awesome above all who are around Him?

**P: O LORD God of hosts,  
who is mighty as You are, O LORD,  
with Your faithfulness all around You?**

## SONGS OF PRAISE

*Glorious and Mighty*

**Majesty, Your glory is shining  
Brighter than the moon and the stars.  
Marveling, we honor and fear You  
above all gods.**

*Glorious and mighty,  
You're awesome in beauty,  
Joyful songs we raise!  
Glorious and mighty,  
You're awesome in beauty,  
Greatly to be praised!*

**Majesty, You fashioned the heavens;  
Your decrees can never be changed.  
Over all the plans of the nations,  
Your judgments reign.**

*Glorious and mighty,  
You're awesome in beauty,  
Joyful songs we raise!  
Glorious and mighty,  
You're awesome in beauty,  
Greatly to be praised!*

**Majesty, we'll sing with creation;  
When You come again in the clouds.  
Every knee will bow down and worship  
the one true God.**

***Glorious and mighty,  
You're awesome in beauty,  
Joyful songs we raise!  
Glorious and mighty,  
You're awesome in beauty,  
Greatly to be praised!***

Words by Bob Kauflin, Joel Sczebel, Todd Twining  
Music by Joel Sczebel, Todd Twining  
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### *Tell Out, My Soul*

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of His word;  
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!  
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!  
Powers, dominions lay their glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!  
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore!**

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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 8:12-30*

<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." <sup>13</sup> So the Pharisees said to Him, "You are bearing witness about Yourself; Your testimony is not true." <sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about Myself, My testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup> Yet even if I do judge, My judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent Me. <sup>17</sup> In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. <sup>18</sup> I am the one who bears witness about Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness about Me." <sup>19</sup> They said to Him therefore, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you knew Me, you would know My Father also." <sup>20</sup> These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; but no one arrested Him, because His hour had not yet come.

<sup>21</sup> So He said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek Me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>22</sup> So the Jews said, "Will He kill Himself, since He says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come?'"

<sup>23</sup> He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup> I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am He you will die in your sins." <sup>25</sup> So they said to Him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. <sup>26</sup> I have much to say about

you and much to judge, but He who sent Me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from Him.”

<sup>27</sup> They did not understand that He had been speaking to them about the Father. <sup>28</sup> So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing on My own authority, but speak just as the Father taught Me. <sup>29</sup> And He who sent Me is with Me. He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.” <sup>30</sup> As He was saying these things, many believed in Him.

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**P: O most great, most just and gracious God;  
You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity;  
but You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ  
to all who repent and believe in Him.  
Therefore, we confess that we are sinful by nature  
and that we have all sinned  
and come short of the glory of God.  
We have not loved You or our neighbors  
with all that is in us.  
We have not sought first Your kingdom  
and righteousness.  
We have not been content with our daily bread.  
You have revealed Your love to us in Christ  
and offered us pardon and salvation in Him;  
but we have run into temptation;  
and the sin that we should have hated,  
we have committed.  
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father!  
We confess You alone are our hope.  
Through Jesus we plead, 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

*adapted from Romans 5:8 and Hebrews 4:16*

M: The proof of God's amazing love is this:  
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Let us then approach the throne of grace  
with confidence, so that we may receive mercy  
and find grace to help us in our time of need.

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

**My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death;  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
And say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown upon my brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

Words by William R. Featherstone (1864).

Music by Adoniram J. Gordon (1876)

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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.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### READING OF THE WORD

#### *Psalm 29*

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in His temple all cry, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- 11 May the LORD give strength to His people!  
May the LORD bless His people with peace!





## GIVING TO THE LORD

*2 Corinthians 9:7*

Each one must give as he has made up in his mind,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver.

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*O Worship the King*

**O worship the King,  
all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing  
His pow'r 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.**

**O measureless might,  
ineffable love!  
While angels delight  
to worship above.  
Thy mercies how tender,  
how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender,  
Redeemer, and Friend!**

Words by Robert Grant (1833)

Music by Johann M. Haydn (1737–1806), arr. William Gardiner (1815)

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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

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

**Lead on, O King eternal,  
The day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest  
Thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
Thy grace has made us strong,  
And now, O King eternal,  
We lift our battle song.**

**Lead on, O King eternal,  
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper  
The sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords loud clashing,  
Nor roll of stirring drums,  
With deeds of love and mercy,  
The heav'nly kingdom comes.**

**Lead on, O King eternal,  
We follow, not with fears;  
For gladness breaks like morning  
Where'er Thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,  
We journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
Lead on, O God of might.**

Words by Ernest W. Shurtleff (1888). Music by Henry T. Smart (1836)  
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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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