



**April 21<sup>st</sup> 2024**

## **Liturgy**

### **Call to Worship**

**God gathers his people to care for them and receive their worship.**

Psalm 23 - 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 or 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.

### **Psalm 145**

I will bless You all of my days, Lord  
I will praise You always,  
my God and King  
I will bless and honor  
Your name, Lord  
Always and forever,  
my soul will sing

Such a vast,  
unsearchable greatness  
Great is Yahweh,  
worthy of all our praise  
Let Your people sound  
through the ages  
All Your awesome works  
'til the end of days

We have seen Your splendor  
and glory  
We have seen Your wonders  
and stand amazed  
Every tongue will echo Your story  
Everyone will sing  
of Your righteous ways

O let all that lives  
ever bless His name!

All that You have made, Lord,  
will praise You  
All Your saints  
will worship in joyful strain

Praise the Lord,  
who ransoms and rescues  
Praise the God of glory,  
who ever reigns

He is holy, judging the wicked  
Guarding those that love Him  
and fear His name  
All that call out,  
Yahweh is with them  
He will hear their cries,  
He is strong to save

He upholds the one  
who is stumbling,  
Lifting up those burdened  
with heavy loads;  
Opening His hand  
to the hungry,  
Blessing all that look  
to their Lord and hope!  
He is tender toward His creation;  
He is faithful,  
gracious in all He does!  
Great is Yahweh, full of  
compassion,  
Slow to anger, filled with  
unfailing love!

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## **The Law of God**

**God requires righteousness of all people.**

Matthew 22:37–40 - <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

## **Confession of Sin**

**God's people acknowledge their sin before Him.**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**God shows his people mercy and grace in Jesus Christ**

Psalms 103:8–14

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

<sup>14</sup> For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.

## **As The Deer**

As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after Thee  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee

You're my friend and You are  
my brother  
Even though You are a King  
I love You more than any other  
So much more than anything

*You alone are my strength  
my shield*

*To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee*

I want You more than  
gold or silver  
Only You can satisfy  
You alone are the real joygiver  
And the apple of my eye

## **He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His Promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight,  
when He comes at last!

## **Prayer**

**After the Pastor leads us in prayer for our church and  
community, pray together as Jesus taught us:**

Our Father 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,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.

## **Sermon - Matthew 10:16-25**

### **God proclaims His word to His people.**

#### **Nicene Creed**

**God's people confess the faith once for all delivered to the saints.**

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.

#### **How Deep The Father's Love For Us**

How deep the Father's love for us	It was my sin that held Him there
How vast beyond all measure	Until it was accomplished
That He should give His only Son	His dying breath
To make a wretch His treasure	has brought me life
How great the pain of searing loss	I know that it is finished
The Father turns His face away	I will not boast in anything
As wounds which mar the Chosen One	No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
Bring many sons to glory	But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection
	Why should I gain from His reward
Behold the Man upon a cross	I cannot give an answer
My sin upon His shoulders	But this I know with all my heart
ashamed I hear my mocking voice	His wounds have paid my ransom
Called out among the scoffers	

#### **The Lord's Supper**

**God gives his people the sign of their New Covenant union with Christ.**

## **Doxology**

**God's people praise Him in light of all they have received.**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

## **Benediction**

**God sends His people out with His blessing.**

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 - Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.