



COVENANT GRACE
C O L U M B I A

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Liturgy

Call to Worship

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

146 Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

3 Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

4 When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.

5 Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

6 who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;

7 who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

9 The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD!

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
in whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has
blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
The Son and spirit blessed
Who reign in highest Heaven; The
one eternal God,
whom Heaven and Earth adore;
For thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills,
Of this world in the next!

The Law of God

God requires righteousness of all people.

Proverbs 6:16–19

¹⁶ There are six things that the LORD hates,
seven that are an abomination to him:

¹⁷ haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
and hands that shed innocent blood,

¹⁸ a heart that devises wicked plans,
feet that make haste to run to evil,

¹⁹ a false witness who breathes out lies,
and one who sows discord among brothers.

Confession of Sin

God's people acknowledge their sin before Him.

Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to you that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly believed your Word nor followed your holy commandments. For your goodness' sake and for your name's sake, be gracious unto us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin, which is very great. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God shows his people mercy and grace in Jesus Christ

1 Timothy 1:15–16 - ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to

Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call

Lord from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall
Hear my desperation
For so long I've pled and prayed
God come to my rescue
Even so the thorn remains
Still my heart will praise You

Storms within my troubled soul
Questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll
God be now my shelter
Why are you cast down my soul
Hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold
Cause this heart to praise You

*Oh my soul put your hope in God
My help my rock I will praise Him
Sing oh sing through the raging storm
You're still my God my salvation*

Should my life be torn from me
Every worldly pleasure
When all I possess is grief
God be then my treasure
Be my vision in the night
Be my hope and refuge
'Til my faith is turned to sight
Lord my heart will praise You

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold
the wondrous mystery
in the dawning of the King,
He, the theme of heaven's praises,
robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ who
condescended,
took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold
the wondrous mystery,
He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering,
never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great
and sure fulfillment
of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold
the wondrous mystery,
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption;
see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory;
grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold
the wondrous mystery;
slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him;
praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance,
how unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected,
as we will be when he comes.

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 13:53-58
God proclaims His word to His people.

THE APOSTLES CREED

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

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

And in Jesus Christ,
His only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come again to judge the living and the
dead.

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

AMEN.

"catholic" means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples

All Glory Be To Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand	His will be done
No legacy survive	His kingdom come
Unless the Lord does raise the house	On earth as is above
In vain its builders strive	Who is Himself our daily bread
To you who boast tomorrow's gain	Praise Him the Lord of love
Tell me what is your life	Let living water satisfy
A mist that vanishes at dawn	The thirsty without price
All glory be to Christ	We'll take a cup of kindness yet
	All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our king

All glory be to Christ

His rule and reign we'll ever sing

All glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was
for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

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.

Numbers 6:24–26

²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.