



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.

Psalm 84

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

² My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

³ Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise! Selah

⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶ As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷ They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.

⁸ O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

⁹ Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my
God

than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

¹² O LORD of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you!

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 till 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*

Oh let all that lives
ever bless His name

All that you have made Lord
will praise you
All your saints will worship
in joyful strains
praise the Lord who ransoms
and rescues
praise the God of glory
who ever reigns

The Law of God

God requires righteousness of all people.

Colossians 3:8–15 -But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Confession of Sin

God's people acknowledge their sin before Him.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God shows his people mercy and grace in Jesus Christ

Titus 3:4–7 - But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Abide With Me

Abide with me;
falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord with me abide.
When other helpers,
fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless,
abide with me.

I need Thy presence,
every passing hour.
What but Thy grace,
can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself,
my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
abide with me.

Thou on my head,
in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious,
and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me,
though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord,
abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee
at hand to bless
Ills have no weight,
tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death?
Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days
within His hand
What comes apart
from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we
stand

What truth can calm
the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace
and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith
when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves
that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death*

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death
will be destroyed

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 13:24-30, 36-43
God proclaims His word to His people.

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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.

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

My Savior Left His Throne Above

My Savior left his throne above	He kept his Father's every word
Exchanged his wealth for poverty	The Law he followed perfectly
He took my hate and gave his love	So all God's pleasure he secured
All this and more he did for me	All this and more he earned for me
Because he chose the lowly way	Because his righteous life is mine
And bowed before his Father's will	And all his merits now I own
I can with all assurance say	I am a child of God on high
My God is near and loves me still	I am adopted loved and known
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He felt the storms of human pain	When Jesus left his heavenly home
He felt temptation's whelming seas	His face was set on Calvary
He felt the tears of sorrow's rain	The steepest hill he climbed alone
All this and more he felt for me	All this and more he did for me
	Because he died once for all time
Because he knows my every strife	And bore the curse of death and hell
And is acquainted with my grief	Final forgiveness here is mine
I can't be shaken in this life	So it is finished all is well
The Friend of Sinners walks with me	Yes it is finished all is well
The Friend of Sinners walks with me	

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.

Jude 24–25 - Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.