



COVENANT GRACE
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March 17th 2024

Liturgy

Call to Worship

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

Isaiah 55:1-3 - Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant."

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures
of our God and King,
Lift up your voice
and with us sing;
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun
with golden beam,
Thou silver moon
with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him
in humbleness;
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father,
praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit,
Three-in-One.

All the redeemed
washed by His blood
Come and rejoice
in His great love;
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin,
Cast all your burdens now on Him;
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in power to reign,
Heaven and earth will join to say:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall
on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Law of God

God requires righteousness of all people.

2 Timothy 2:22

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

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

2 Corinthians 5:14–18 - 14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. 16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself.

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.

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember
no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing,
He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore;
Our sins, they are many—
His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord,
His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness,
new every morn;
Our sins, they are many—
His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait
as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender
is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest,
the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many—
His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment;
His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many—
His mercy is more.

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 10:16-20

God proclaims His word to His people.

Apostle's 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.

Jesus Thank You

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend	<i>Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table</i>
The agonies of Calvary	<i>Jesus, thank You</i>
You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son	By Your perfect sacrifice
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me	I've been brought near Your enemy You've made Your friend
<i>Your blood has washed away my sin</i>	Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
<i>Jesus, thank You</i>	Your mercy and Your kindness know no end
<i>The Father's wrath completely satisfied</i>	Lover of my soul
<i>Jesus, thank You</i>	I want to live for You

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.

2 Corinthians 13:14

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.