



COVENANT GRACE
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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
for 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.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

*Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
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When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees

When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

The Law of God

God requires righteousness of all people.

Matthew 22:37-40 - ³⁷ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

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

Ephesians 2:1-10 - And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

From The Depths Of Woe

From depths of woe I raise to Thee	What though I wait the livelong night
The voice of lamentation	And till the dawn appeareth
Lord turn a gracious ear to me	My heart still trusteth in His might
And hear my supplication	It doubteth not nor feareth
If Thou iniquities dost mark	Do thus O ye of Israel's seed
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark	Ye of the Spirit born indeed
O who shall stand before Thee	And wait till God appeareth

To wash away the crimson stain	Though great our sins and sore our woes
Grace grace alone availeth	His grace much more aboundeth
Our works alas are all in vain	His helping love no limit knows
In much the best life faileth	Our utmost need it soundeth
No man can glory in Thy sight	Our shepherd good and true is He
All must alike confess Thy might	Who will at last His Israel free
And live alone by mercy	From all their sin and sorrow

Therefore my trust is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit
On Him my soul shall rest His word
Upholds my fainting spirit
His promised mercy is my fort
My comfort and my sweet support
I wait for it with patience

My One Comfort

My one comfort both
in life and death
Is that I am not my own
I was bought with blood
and I confess
I belong to you alone

By the Father's good decree
Jesus, you've delivered me
By your Spirit set me free
To follow you

Jesus, you have taken hold of me
And in your grip of grace I'm
finally free

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 14:1-12 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

Baptism

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

