

# Call to Worship

## Read Psalm 84:1-4

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!  
My soul longs, yes, faints  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.

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

## Prayer of Adoration

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. More than money, health, success, or fame we want more of you. After wandering desert lands that never quench our thirsty souls, you have graciously come to us offering living water. Now, we've tasted and seen: you are the source of all goodness, the fountainhead of every joy, an unceasing spring of all-satisfying delight. Our once parched tongues now pour out praises to your glorious name. Praise you, Father. Praise you, Jesus. Praise you, Spirit. Praise you, our Triune God! Amen.

## Ordinary Time Call and Response

### Leader

O magnify the Lord with me!

### Congregation

Let us exalt his name together!

[from Psalm 34:3]

## "Holy, Holy, Holy"

### Verse 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

### Verse 2

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before thee  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be

*Verse 3*

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see  
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee  
Perfect in power, love, and purity

*Verse 4*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky, and sea  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty  
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## Confession & Assurance of Pardon

### Exhortation

**From Luke 6:46–49**

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

### Confession

In prayer, confess your sin aloud together and personally in silence.

After a time of confession, in prayer praise Jesus who perfectly obeyed the Father.

### Assurance of Pardon

**Leader**

We have confessed our sins. Now, hear the good news! When we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, to all who humbly seek the mercy of God, your Father declares, in Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven.

**Together**

Thanks be to God!

## "Before the Throne"

### *Verse 1*

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on his hands  
My name is written on his heart  
I know that while in heav'n he stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

### *Verse 2*

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see him there  
Who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

### *Chorus*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise the one, the risen Son of God

### *Verse 3*

Behold him there, the risen Lamb  
My perfect, spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with himself, I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by his blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

### *Chorus (x3)*

# Consecration

## Prayers of Praise and Petition

Spend time in prayer together.

- Praise God for his sovereignty and meticulous control over all things.
- Praise God for Jesus's power over death and sin, and the new and everlasting life we have received as his people.
- Praise God for the commissioning of Westview Church, the newest daughter church of Cities Church, who officially covenanted together as a church on July 8th.
- Ask God to heal our city of all injustice and prejudice, and to end the destruction of life in all forms.
- Ask God to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Pray that he would grant wisdom to those responsible for making decisions about how to protect human life, especially the most vulnerable among us.
- Ask God, by his Holy Spirit, to give us insight on how we can best love our neighbors and seek the good of our communities.
- Pray for our church and other local churches throughout the city and the world.
- Pray for our missionaries:
  - Samuel and Sarah Chestnutt who are serving in Ireland
  - Steve and Lindsey Discher who are ministering to students in the Philippines
  - Matthew & Kailie who are ministering to those in the Middle East
  - Dieudonné & Dominique Tamfu who are church planting and founding a seminary in Cameroon
  - Ryan & Kassie Cossette and their ministry in Costa Rica
  - Sam Griffin and his ministry with Training Leaders International
  - The Andres and their ministry to the local Somali community
  - The Harmony Community Group and their outreach to the local Chinese community
  - Together for Good and their ministry to protect children from abuse and dangerous situations
  - John McCauley & Joelle Parfrey and their on-campus ministry "Students for Life"
  - Caitlin Boon & Rachel Beise and their ministries with Athletes in Action
  - Ellie Felber and her ministry to local youth with Timberbay

## Teaching Text

### Read Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

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5 I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

6 Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.

7 You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. *Selah*

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

9 Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.

10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

## Teaching

Psalm 32

## Communion

[If not partaking in the Lord's Table, reflect and pray in response to Pastor Mike's exposition of Psalm 32.]

## "Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

### *Verse 1*

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine  
I can sing, all is mine  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

### *Verse 2*

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, his power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won  
And I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

### *Verse 3*

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released  
I can sing, I am free  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

### *Verse 4*

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall  
repeat Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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## Commission

“All Glory Be to Christ”

*Verse 1*

Should nothing of our efforts stand  
No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
In vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain  
Tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn  
All glory be to Christ

*Chorus*

All glory be to Christ, our king  
All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign will ever sing  
All glory be to Christ

*Verse 2*

His will be done, his kingdom come  
On earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread  
Praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy  
The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
All glory be to Christ

*Chorus*

## Commissioning

Remember the mission that Jesus has given us, his church:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:18–20).

Go in peace.