

Call to Worship

Read 1 Chronicles 29:10–13

“Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. 13 And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

Prayer of Adoration

All glorious God, we give you thanks: in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms. You chose us, before the world was made, to be your holy people, without fault in your sight. You adopted us as your children in Christ. You have set us free by his blood; you have forgiven our sins. You have made known to us your secret purpose, to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ. You have given us your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance. All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love.

[Based on Ephesians 1:3–18]

Ordinary Time Call and Response

Leader

O magnify the Lord with me!

Congregation

Let us exalt his name together!

[from Psalm 34:3]

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship his holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up

It's a new day dawning

It's time to sing your song again

Whatever may pass

And whatever lies before me

Let me be singing
When the evening comes

Chorus

Verse 2

You're rich in love
And you're slow to anger
Your name is great
And your heart is kind
For all your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

Chorus

Verse 3

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore

Chorus

Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Exhortation

From Ephesians 4:25–5:2

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day

of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

Confession

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

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!

“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

Verse 1

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform
He plants his footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm

Verse 2

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs
And works his sovereign will

Chorus

Oh how deep is your wisdom, God
You're just and true in all your ways
In every trial you prove your love
You are good, always

Verse 3

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings on your head

Verse 4

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense
But trust him for his grace
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face

Chorus

Verse 5

His purposes shall ripen fast
Unfolding every hour
The bud may have a bitter taste
But sweet will be the flower

Verse 6

Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan his work in vain
God is his own interpreter
And he will make it plain
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And he will make it plain

Chorus

Read *The Apostles' Creed*

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hades. The third day he arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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 33

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
 Praise befits the upright.
 Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
 make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
 Sing to him a new song;
 play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the LORD is upright,
 and all his work is done in faithfulness.
 He loves righteousness and justice;
 the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
 and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
 He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
 he puts the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the plans of his heart to all generations.
Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;
from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,
he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.

The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.
For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

Teaching

Psalm 33

Communion

[If not partaking in the Lord's Table, reflect and pray in response to Kenny's exposition of Psalm 33.]

"Man of Sorrows"

Verse 1

Man of Sorrows, Lamb of God
By his own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Verse 2

Silent as he stood accused
Beaten, mocked, and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

Chorus

Oh that rugged cross, my salvation
Where your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out, Hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee

Verse 3

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed him to that tree

Chorus

Bridge (x2)

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed

Chorus

Verse 4

See, the stone is rolled away

Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah! God be praised!
He is risen from the grave

Chorus (x2)

Commission

“Now to Him (Jude 24)”

Refrain

Now to him who is able
To keep you from falling
To him who will keep you to the end
To him be the glory, the honor, and power
Forever and ever, amen
(x2)
Forever and ever, amen

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.