



ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship: Psalm 31:1, 3, 14, 16-17, 19

In You, O Lord, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in Your righteousness deliver me!

**For You are my rock and my fortress;
and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me;**

I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

**Make Your face shine on Your servants;
save us in Your steadfast love!**

O Lord, let me not be put to shame,
for I call upon You;

**Oh, how abundant is Your goodness,
which You have stored up for those who fear You,
and worked for those who take refuge in You.**

Invocation

Psalm 19B: The Heavens Above Declare

The heav'ns above declare the glory of our God;
and what his hands have made the skies proclaim abroad.
For day by day they pour out speech, and night by night their knowledge teach.

No language do they use, nor any spoken word;
they utter not a sound and yet their voice is heard.
Thro'out the world their voice resounds, their words to earth's remotest bounds.

God set a tent in heav'n, a dwelling for the sun,
which, like a bridegroom, leaves his wedding tent at dawn,
and like a strong, heroic man, goes forth with joy his race to run.

The sun goes forth in might from heaven's farthest end
and runs its course above until the day is spent.
Its path from end to end complete—there's nothing hidden from its heat.

The perfect law of God will make the soul revive;
his statutes, sure and true, will make the simple wise.
The precepts of the LORD are right and fill the heart with great delight.

God's radiant commands shed light on what we see;
the fear of God is pure and lasts eternally.
The standards of the LORD express his perfect truth and righteousness.

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Of far more worth than gold—than much pure gold—than they are;
than honey from the comb, than honey sweeter far.
They warn the servant of the LORD; in keeping them is great reward.

Who can discern his faults? Forgive my hidden sin.
Protect from willful sins; let them not reign within.
Then blameless shall your servant be, from great transgression now set free

So let the words I speak be pleasing in your sight;
and let my inmost thoughts be in your judgment right.
O LORD, you are a rock to me; you have redeemed and set me free

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Confession of Sin

Holy and Merciful God,

**in Your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against You.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from Your ways,
in wasting Your gifts,
in forgetting Your love.**

**Have mercy upon us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease You.**

**Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in Your light
and walk in Your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News!

There is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit
of life in Christ Jesus
has set you free from the law of sin and death.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.

Know that in Jesus,
God embraces you, forgives you,
And strengthens you to live a renewed life.

Thanks be to God!

Song: Good and Gracious King

I approach the throne of glory, nothing in my hands I bring
But the promise of acceptance from a good and gracious King.

I will give to You my burden as You give to me Your strength.
Come and fill me with Your Spirit as I sing to You this praise.

Chorus:

You deserve the greater glory, overcome I lift my voice
To the King in need of nothing, empty handed I rejoice.
You deserve the greater glory, overcome with joy I sing.
By Your love I am accepted, you're a good and gracious King

O what grace that You would see me as Your child and as Your friend,
Safe secure in You forever, I pour out my praise again.

Chorus

Holy, holy Lord Almighty,
Good and gracious, good and gracious
Holy, holy Lord Almighty, good and gracious King!
Holy, holy Lord Almighty,
Good and gracious, good and gracious
Holy, holy Lord Almighty, good and gracious King!

Chorus

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Hymn 403: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove;
who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near;
thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, thro' grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name;
fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

Scripture Readings: Mark 9:30-50

Installation of Deacons

Welcoming of New Members

Corporate Reading of the Church Covenant

Minister: Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

Congregation: We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We will walk together in brotherly love, as becomes the members of a Christian Church, exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others.

We will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of our family and friends.

We will rejoice in each others' happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows.

We will seek, by the Spirit's help, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering that, as we have been buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, so there is on us a special obligation now to lead a new and holy life.

We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines.

We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We will respect and respond to the biblical teaching and loving counsel of our elders.

We will, if we move from this congregation, unite with some other church as soon as possible, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Amen!

Pastoral Prayer

Song: O Church of Christ Invincible

O Church of Christ invincible, the people of the Lord;
Empowered by the Spirit's breath and nourished by His word.
His covenant of grace will be our portion evermore,
For He who called us will not change our help and our reward.

O chosen people called by grace, the sons of Abraham
Who walk by faith and things unseen and on His promise stand;
That ev'ry nation of the earth will hear about this love
That causes broken hearts to heal and pays our debts with blood.

O Church of Christ in sorrow now where evil lies in wait,
When trials and persecutions come this light will never fade.
For though the hordes of hell may rage, their pow'r will not endure.
Our times are in the Father's hand, our anchor is secure.

O Church of Christ upon that day when all are gathered in,
When ev'ry tear is wiped away with ev'ry trace of sin.
Where justice truth and beauty shine and death is passed away
Where God and man will dwell as one for all eternity.

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Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:1-5

Sermon: "What Is Faith?"

Lord's Supper

Song: Gloria Patri

Benediction

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