

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CHRIST
EVANGELICAL
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CHURCH (PCA)

Prelude

Welcome

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come-

The church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call To Worship

Psalm 97:1, 12

Minister: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!
Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise

Psalm 90, O God Our Help in Ages Past

O God our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home

Under the shadow of thy throne
Still may we dwell secure
Sufficient is thine arm alone
And our defense is sure

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame
From everlasting thou art God
To endless years the same

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun

Time like an ever rolling stream
Bears all its sons away
They fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day

O God our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Be thou our guide while life shall last
And our eternal home

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end
Amen Amen

Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8:28-35; 37-39

Minister: Let us affirm what God's Word tells us is true even today.

All: And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Love divine all loves excelling
Joy of heav'n to earth come down
Fill us with thy humble dwelling
All thy faithful mercies crown

Jesus thou art all compassion
Pure unbounded love thou art
Visit us with thy salvation
Enter every trembling every trembling heart

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Breathe O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast
Let us all in thee inherit
Let us find thy promised rest

Take away the love of sinning
Alpha and Omega be
End of faith as its beginning
Set our hearts at liberty at liberty

Come Almighty to deliver
Let us all thy life receive
Suddenly return and never
Nevermore thy temples leave

Thee we would be always blessing
Serve thee as thy hosts above
Pray and praise thee without ceasing
Glory in thy perfect in thy perfect love

Finish then thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee

Changed from glory into glory
Till in heav'n we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before thee
Lost in wonder love in wonder love and praise

Call to Confession

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 73;
Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 110; Exodus 20:15

Minister: What is the eighth commandment?

People: The eighth command is: You shall not steal.

Minister: What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

All: He forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law. But in God's sight theft also includes cheating and swindling our neighbor by schemes made to appear legitimate, such as: inaccurate measurements of weight, size or volume; fraudulent merchandizing; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God. In addition, he forbids all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty God, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly acknowledge that we have not lived in a manner worthy of your redeeming grace. You have raised us up with Christ who is seated at your right hand. You have commanded us to set our mind on things above and not on the things of earth. Yet we have transgressed your laws by loving ourselves more than you our God, or our neighbor. We are so

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easily caught up in the materialism of our day, worshipping the creature and the creation, rather than you, our Creator. When we do this, we forget your mighty victory over sin and death. Have mercy upon us, O God. Deliver us from immorality, impurity, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. Do not leave us to ourselves but send your Spirit that we may live above this fallen world and show forth your resurrection power. In the exalted name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 Timothy 1:15

Minister: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Power of the Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

Chorus

*This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh to see the pain written on your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed
Crowning your bloodstained brow

Chorus

Now the daylight flees
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows his head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the vict'ry cry

Chorus

Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through your suff'ring I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through your selfless love

*This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes And Offerings

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

Prayer Of Dedication

Sermon

"What Is Truth?"

John 18:37-40

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood
Died he for me who caused his pain
For me who him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be
That thou my God shouldst die for me

Chorus

*Amazing love how can it be
That thou my God shouldst die for me*

He left his Father's throne above
So free so infinite his grace
Emptied himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me

Chorus

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee

Chorus

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in him is mine
Alive in him my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown thro' Christ my own

Chorus

Benediction

Postlude

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