

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CHRIST
EVANGELICAL
PRESBYTERIAN
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-

This Church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1-2

Minister: Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Let us worship our God together!

Hymn of Praise

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me
On the cruel cross he suffered
From the curse to set me free

Chorus

*Sing O sing of my Redeemer
With his blood he purchased me
On the cross he sealed my pardon
Paid the debt and made me free*

I will tell the wondrous story
How my lost estate to save
In His boundless love and mercy
He the ransom freely gave

Chorus

I will praise my dear Redeemer
His triumphant power I'll tell
How the victory he giveth
Over sin and death and hell

Chorus

I will sing of my Redeemer
And his heavenly love for me
He from death to life hath bro't me
Son of God with him to be

Chorus

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

The Apostles' Creed

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell*. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come 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.**

**Jesus "descended into hell" as he suffered the pain and torment of divine wrath.*

***The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographical, or language barriers.*

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by his grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood
He presents our souls to God

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Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He who washed us with his blood
He who washed us with his blood
He who washed us with his blood
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood
Has secured our way to God

Call to Confession

Matthew 22:37-40

Minister: And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Public Confession

Adapted from John Calvin's
Form of Church Prayers, 1542

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we acknowledge before your holiness that we are poor sinners, born into guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil and unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. Have compassion on us, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grow us daily in the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of a life that is pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 5:8-9

Minister: God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be

O Light that follow'st all my way
I yield my flickering torch to thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

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

"Thirst and Despair"

Psalm 42

Dr. Ligon Duncan

Closing Song

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

Benediction

Postlude

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