

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CHRIST
EVANGELICAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH (PCA)

Prelude

O Love

Worship Choir

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 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

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come thou Almighty King
Help us thy name to sing
Help us to praise
Father all glorious o'er all victorious
Come and reign over us Ancient of Days

Come thou Incarnate Word
Gird on thy mighty sword
Our prayer attend
Come and thy people bless
And give thy Word success
Spirit of holiness on us descend

Come Holy Comforter
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour
Thou who almighty art now rule in ev'ry heart
And ne'er from us depart Spirit of pow'r

To thee great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see
And to eternity love and adore

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

Psalm 23

Minister: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

Minister: He leads me beside still waters.

People: He restores my soul.

Minister: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;**

Minister: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

Minister: you anoint my head with oil;

People: my cup overflows.

Minister: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

All: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen.

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

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

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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

Exodus 20:13;

Adapted from Westminster Larger Catechism Q/A 67;
Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 105-107

Minister: What is the sixth commandment?

People: The sixth commandment is: You shall not murder.

Minister: What is God's will for you in the sixth commandment?

People: I am not to belittle, insult, hate, or murder my neighbor - not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds - and I am not to be party to this in others; rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either. Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.

Minister: Does this commandment refer only to murder?

People: By forbidding murder God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, anger, vindictiveness. In God's sight all such are murder.

Minister: Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way?

People: No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly to them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O holy Father, because we are fallen sinful creatures, it is so easy for us to think only of ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Our sinful natures lead us to selfishness and indifference. Thereby, do we murder our brother and sister and sin against you, our Father? O Lord, we do humbly confess our selfish nature and plead your forgiveness. Give us, we pray, the mind and heart of our Savior who loved the unlovely and redeemed us from destruction. Burden us with the souls of those who are perishing that we may be bold to testify of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Use us, your people, to gather your elect from the four corners of this world so that your glory may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Colossians 1:13-14

Minister: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 130, I Will Wait For You

Lord from the depths I call to you
Lord hear me from on high
And give attention to my voice
When I for mercy cry

Out of the depths I cry to you
In darkest places I will call
Incline your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Were you to count my sinful ways
How could I come before your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

Chorus

*I will wait for you I will wait for you
On your word I will rely
I will wait for you surely wait for you
Till my soul is satisfied*

So put your hope in God alone
Take courage in his power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave

Chorus

Now he has come to make a way
And God himself has paid the price
That all who trust in him today
Find healing in his sacrifice

Chorus

I will wait for you I will wait for you
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for you surely wait for you
For your love is my delight

I wait my soul waits for the Lord
My hope is in his Word
More than the watchman waits for dawn
My soul waits for the Lord

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

“The Mystery of Salvation”

Ephesians 1:9-10

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

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

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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