

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

JANUARY 30, 2022

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Prelude

*Please silence all phones and electronic devices.*

### Welcome and Announcements

### Song of Ascent

*Jesus Messiah*

He became sin Who knew no sin  
That we might become His Righteousness.  
He humbled himself and carried the cross,  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing...

Refrain: *Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel,  
The rescue for sinners, The ransom from Heaven,  
Jesus Messiah... Lord of all*

His body the bread, His blood the wine,  
Broken and poured out all for love.  
The whole earth trembled And the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing...

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## ADORATION OF GOD

### Call to Worship:

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" Isaiah said these things because he saw (Jesus') glory and spoke of him.

—Isaiah 6.1-3; John 12.41

### Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

### Declaration of Truth

Revelation 5.8-14

Leader: The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. °And they sang a new song, saying,

All: "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

All: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

All: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Leader: And the four living creatures said,

All: "Amen!"

Leader: and the elders fell down and worshiped.

## Hymn of Praise

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

### Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings

*The Doxology and Prayer*

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.

### Hymn of Testimony

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

*(Children ages 3 thru 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)*

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend.

Who would have thought that a Lamb

Could-- rescue the souls of men? -- Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain: *You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.*

*You give the healing and grace, Our-- hearts always hunger for. --*

*Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit, we long to embrace.

You offer hope when our hearts, Have-- hopelessly lost the way.

-- Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own.

Here in our weakness You find us. -- Falling before Your throne.

We're falling before Your throne.

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## THE WORD AND THE SACRAMENT

Revelation 1.4-8

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.**

## Prayer of Illumination

### Sermon

*"The Starting Point: The Glory of Christ"* Pastor John  
Series— *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow*

## Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness

### Hymn of Preparation

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died;  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

**The Invitation to the Lord's Table:** Those who have yet to trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are asked to not take the elements. Please use this time to contemplate John 3.16. Ask God to show you the glory of Jesus Christ in his death for the forgiveness of your sins. If you're unsure about your relationship with Christ, please see a pastor or one of the elders after the service.

**Receiving the Bread and Cup:** For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

*Please note: The elements on the table are an "all in one" pack of the bread (which contains gluten) under the cellophane and the juice under the foil. In addition, the bread in the small cups on the tables is gluten free. Also, our custom is that we take each element in unison after everyone has been served.*

## OUR RESPONSE

### Hymn of Celebration

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne,  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

**Word and Deed Offering:** Please note the special plates designated for this offering which is for the financial needs within the Body and the Community.

### Declaration of Hope (Unison)

Revelation 1.5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

### Hymn of Parting

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne,  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

## The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for January 30, 2022

- **Series:** *The Book of Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow*
- **Message:** *The Starting Point: The Glory of Christ*
- **Text:** Revelation 1.4-8

- How can we be strengthened for today? How can we be filled with hope about tomorrow?
- John saw the glory of Christ
  - During Jesus' earthly ministry
  - Vision of the future
- Seven churches
  - The number 7: means complete; 49 times in Revelation
  - These 7 congregations represent the whole church of Christ in every age

### The Greeting

- Grace
  - Fundamental to becoming who we are
- Peace: flows from our grace-based relationship with God
  - *Peace is the reflection of the smile of God in the heart of the believer who has been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ, is the result of grace.* (William Hendriksen)
- Him- We will be getting God's perspective of history's unfolding
  - The Trinity
    - The Father, based on Exodus 3.14; always has been, is now always will be
    - The Spirit- the seven spirits- the one who built the second temple, cf. Zechariah 4.2-6
    - Jesus, Psalm 89.27,37
      - Faithful witness: to display God to us
      - Firstborn: begins a new creation
      - Ruler of the King of the earth
- When earthly rulers seem so powerful...
- When celebrities seem so powerful

### The Doxology

- Loves us
- Freed us from sin
- By his blood
- Made us a kingdom of priests, cf. Exodus 19
- To Him be glory and dominion

### Pronouncement:

- Behold he is coming, Daniel 7.12
  - Every eye
- Those who pierced, Zechariah 12.10
  - Validation/Celebration
  - Judgment/wailing

- Jesus' pronouncement: I am the Alpha and the Omega

### **So What About Us?**

- The Glory of Christ
- Christ is enough
- Victory through the cross and resurrection
- Lord's Supper