

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Let us stand as the Triune God, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now calls His Church into His presence to worship Him. I ask you this morning:

Grace Presbyterian Church, who is He, in Whose Name we are gathered to worship today?

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He is “Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

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Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the Name that is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:5-11

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Praise the LORD.

Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of His faithful people.

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Psalm 149:1-2

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Opening Prayer

(In Unison)

Please stand, if you are able.

Our Father in heaven, we praise You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. And yet, Lord, we know, it is only fully possible by Your grace if You are present in our midst, and we are filled by Your Spirit. Come, work in us now and let us be the bride who adores You. Let our thoughts not be distracted. Let our ears be open to hear. Let our hearts be receptive to accept and apply Your life-giving Word. Help us to change our sinful ways and seek after truth and righteousness. Hear us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(End)

Sing

“Lift High the Cross”

Please stand, if you are able.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

(Continue)

O Lord, once lifted on the cursed tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

(Continue)

Set up Thy throne and earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

(Continue)

For Thy blest cross which doth for all atone,
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne.

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

(End)

**GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS,
TO REPENT AND TO RECONCILE**

God's Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

We Pray and Confess Our Sin
(Led by Pastor)

God's Assurance to His Repentant People

You are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.

Nehemiah 9:17c

Sing

“His Mercy Is More”

Please stand, if you are able.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more

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What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord; His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more

(End)

We Profess Our Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 196

Please stand, if you are able.

*Q. 196 What does the conclusion of the Lord's
Prayer teach us?*

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Answer

A. The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer (which is "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen."), teaches us to enforce our petitions with arguments, which are to be taken, not from any worthiness in ourselves, or in any other creature, but from God: and with our prayers to join praises, ascribing to God alone

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Answer

eternal sovereignty, omnipotency, and glorious excellency; in regard whereof, as He is able and willing to help us, so we by faith are emboldened to plead with Him that He would, and quietly to rely upon Him, that He will fulfill our requests. And to testify this our desire and assurance, we say, Amen.

(End)

We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

Deuteronomy 16:17

Prayer

(Led by a Ruling Elder)

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.

Please stand, if you are able.

Pastoral Prayer

(Led by Pastor)

Psalm 67

“God of Mercy, God of Grace”

Please stand, if you are able.

God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of Your face.

Shine upon us, Savior, shine;
fill Your world with light divine;
all Your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

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Let the people praise You, Lord,
by all the living things adored.
Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their gracious King;
at Your feet their tribute pay,
and Your holy will obey.

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Let the people praise You, Lord;
earth shall then its fruits afford.
To Your children blessings give;
we to You devoted live,
all below and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

(End)

**THE LORD SPEAKS TO US
THROUGH HIS WORD AND SACRAMENT**

Scripture Reading
Romans 1:1-21 (16-17)

Sermon

“Not Ashamed of The Gospel (1)”

Pastor Theo van Blerk

COMMUNION

Fencing the Table

Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Administration of the Lord's Supper

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND
TO HIS WORD AND SACRAMENT**

Prayer

SPECIAL COLLECTION:
For Mercy Ministry

Hymn 338

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

Please stand, if you are able.

Wonderful grace of Jesus,
Greater than all my sin,
How shall my tongue describe it?
Where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden,
Setting my spirit free;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

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Refrain:

Wonderful the matchless grace,
the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea, the rolling sea.
Higher than the mountain; sparkling like a fountain;
All-sufficient grace for me, for even me.
Broader than the scope of my transgressions;
Greater far than all my sin and shame.
O magnify the precious name of Jesus;
Praise His name!

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Wonderful grace of Jesus,
Reaching to all the lost.
By it I have been pardoned,
Saved to the uttermost.
Chains have been torn asunder,
Giving me liberty;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

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Refrain:

Wonderful the matchless grace,
the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea, the rolling sea.
Higher than the mountain; sparkling like a fountain;
All-sufficient grace for me, for even me.
Broader than the scope of my transgressions;
Greater far than all my sin and shame.
O magnify the precious name of Jesus;
Praise His name!

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Wonderful grace of Jesus,
Reaching the most defiled.
By its transforming power
Making him God's dear child.
Purchasing peace and heaven
For all eternity;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

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Refrain:

Wonderful the matchless grace,
the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea, the rolling sea.
Higher than the mountain; sparkling like a fountain;
All-sufficient grace for me, for even me.
Broader than the scope of my transgressions;
Greater far than all my sin and shame.
O magnify the precious name of Jesus;
Praise His name!

(End)

THE LORD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

The Blessing of God's People

Now to Him, Who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude 1:24-25

Please stand, if you are able.

Leader: “*Christ is Risen!*”

All: “*He is Risen Indeed!*”