

Reformation Bible Church

Order of Worship
May 3, 2020

PRELUDE

You are about to come into the presence of the holy, holy, holy God. Approach Him with holy fear. Quiet your heart, push out the world and its distractions, and ask Him to help you to give Him the worship He desires and deserves. He is worthy!

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GOD TELLS US TO COME AND WORSHIP HIM IN HOLY FEAR AND AWE

*But the hour is coming, and is now here,
when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth,
for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.
God is spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in spirit and truth.*

John 4: 23-24

*Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable,
let us be thankful and please God
by worshipping him **with holy fear and awe.***

Hebrews 12:28

WE RESPOND WITH JOYFUL SINGING

"I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted."

Exodus 15:1

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.

WE ARE REMINDED BY JESUS THAT GOD'S LAW IS ALL ENCOMPASSING

Jesus Summarizes God's Law *(In Unison)*

The disciples asked,
"What is the first and greatest of all the commandments?"
And Jesus said to them,
"The most important one is this:
'Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength. And the second is like it,
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
There is no greater commandment than these."
Mark 12:28-31

WE SEEK FORGIVENESS FOR OUR SINS

CORPORATE CONFESSION:

Lord Jesus, You commanded us to love our neighbor as much as we love ourselves. We have not. You commanded us to abide in You and draw near to You. We do not. You commanded us to be kind and gentle to one another. Yet, when opportunity presents itself to show that we are Your children, possessing Your power to bless those who harm and curse us, we often chose to show our sin natures instead of our new nature, empowered by the Holy Spirit. In fact, instead of crucifying the anger, unkindness and malice that easily shames us, we strongly exercise such sinful acts and attitudes.

Oh Lord, we need for the fruit of the Holy Spirit to be full and active in us. Our lives need the transforming power that can be demonstrated for the good and blessing of those around us; even - No especially, to those who cross us and are an affront to us. Let us live self-less rather than self-serving lives. Let us subdue the flesh and live the life You can live through us who believe. We confess these sins and seek the new, unusual, and holy life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Savior. Amen!

(Please confess your remaining sins in the secrecy of your own hearts)

GOD DECLARES THAT WE ARE FORGIVEN

*I have forgiven the iniquity of My people;
I have covered all their sin.
I have held back My wrath;
I have turned from the fierceness of My anger.
Psalm 85:2 –3 (adapted)*

*And you shall call His name Jesus,
for He will save His people from their sins.
Matthew 1:21*

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

(from The Heidelberg Catechism – 1563 Q's 21, 60, 61)

Pastor: *What is True Faith?*

Answer: True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in His Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

Pastor: *How are you right with God?*

People of God: We are right with God only through true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, so that God accepts me as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.

Pastor: *Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?*

People of God: It is not because of any merit my faith has that God is pleased with me. Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God, and I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.

WE SING OF GOD, OUR MIGHTY FORTRESS

*I will declare what He has done for my soul.
(from Psalm 66)*

“When I Survey the Wonderous Cross”

1 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.

2 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 through his blood.

3 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?

4 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.

GOD ALLOWS US TO DRAW NEAR IN PRAYER

WE COME BEFORE GOD TO BRING OUR TITHES

... appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: ...and do not appear before the LORD empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

Deuteronomy 16:16-17

GOD PROCLAIMS ABSOLUTE TRUTH AS HIS WORD IS READ AND PREACHED

*And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy,
and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.*

Ezekiel 44:23

“My Soul, Bless the Lord!” Psalm 103

Pastor Mike Chastain

WE MEDITATE ON HOW TO APPLY WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

THE LORD REMINDS US OF HIS LOVE BY CALLING HIS CHILDREN TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

- Explanation of the Sacrament
- The Words of Institution
- Invitation to the Meal
- The Fencing of the Table
- The Prayer of Consecration of the Elements
- The Serving of the Elements
- Rejoicing In God For His Work On Our Behalf
 - 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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

... and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.

Luke 24:50

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