

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Ben Tzeng

Themes and keywords: redeemed, wander, sin-sick, fearful

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from Psalm 105:1-3

Liturgist: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

All: *make known his deeds among the peoples!*

Liturgist: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

All: *tell of all his wondrous works!*

Liturgist: Glory in his holy name;

All: *let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!*

We praise God

Come, People of the Risen King

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1. Come, peo - ple of the ri - sen King, who de - light to bring him praise.
2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing in the night.
3. Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wo - men of the faith.



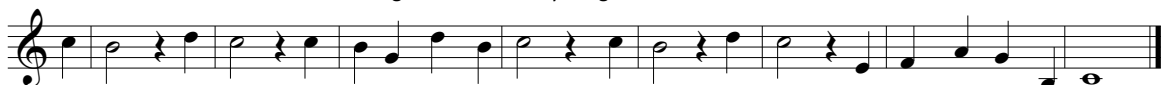
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the morn - ing star of grace.
Come, those who tell of bat - tles won; and those strug - gling in the fight.
Come, those with full or emp - ty hands; find the ri - ches of his grace.



From the shift - ing sha - dows of nev - er the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,
For his per - fect love will nev - er change, and his mer - cies nev - er cease,
O - ver all the world his peo - ple sing; shore to shore we hear them call



where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to ga - ther child - ren in.
but fol - low us through all - our days with the cer - tain hope of peace.
the truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our God is all in all."



Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Let ev-'ry tongue re-joyce! One heart, one voice; O church of Christ, re-joyce.

We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**All: *He is risen indeed!
He died for us that we might live for him.***

SEATED

God calls us to confess our sin

from Isaiah 55:6-7

Liturgist: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts. Return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on us, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

We confess our sin

Liturgist: Sovereign Lord, you have chosen us in love and redeemed us with wondrous works so that we may live with unconquered joy in the glory of your power and faithfulness.

**All: *But we forget the story that makes us who we are,
the history of your steadfast love
that delivers us from our distress.
We forget that apart from you we are poor, blind, and lost,
and we wander from your ways like lost sheep.
We proudly presume we control our lives
and forget that we are subjects of your kingdom
and humble servants of your mission.
And when our pride proves weak and worthless,
we live in sin-sick fear,
grumbling against you and attacking one another,
without gratitude or joy in your redeeming power.
Lord, have mercy on us.***

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Father, please forgive our sinful forgetting, our anxious worry, and our short-sighted living. Teach us to remember the riches of your kindness and the poverty of our pride. Fix our eyes firmly on Jesus, so that we will constantly remember our story and live with joy in your steadfast love and trust in your redeeming power.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8

Liturgist: If the Lord should hold our sins against us, no one could stand.
But with the Lord there is forgiveness, that he may be feared.
O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem you from all your sins.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift.
In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you,
and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: *Hallelujah, Amen!*

We praise God

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm 1923

Tune: William Runyan 1923



1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fath - er; there is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee. Thou chang - est not, Thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove, Thou join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see:



all I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vi - ded. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

God instructs us in scripture reading

Psalm 107
(pew Bible pp. 506-507)

All: *1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
3 and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.*

Pastor: *4 Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;
5 hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
7 He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.*

All: *8 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
9 For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.*

Pastor: *10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
prisoners in affliction and in irons,
11 for they had rebelled against the words of God,
and spurned the counsel of the Most High.
12 So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor;
they fell down, with none to help.
13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
and burst their bonds apart.*

All: *15 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
16 For he shatters the doors of bronze
and cuts in two the bars of iron.*



Pastor: 17 Some were fools through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;
18 they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.
19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
20 He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction.

All: 21 *Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!*
22 *And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!*

Pastor: 42 The upright see it and are glad,
and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

All: 43 *Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;
let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.*

God instructs us in preaching

“What Is My Story?”
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

The Solid Rock
Text: Edward Mote 1834
Tune: William B. Bradbury 1863

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness.
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un - chang - ing grace.
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the whelm - ing flood.
4. When he shall come with trump - et sound, O may I then in him be found,



I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
In ev - ery high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
When all a - round my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
dressed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.



On Christ the sol - id Rock I stand. All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

We praise God

How Great Is Our God

Text and tune: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves 2004
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1. The splen - dor of a king clothed in ma - jes - ty
He wraps him - self in light and dark - ness tries to hide
2. Age to age he stands and time is in his hands
The God - head Three - in - One: Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son,

let all the earth re - jice, all the earth re - jice. (chorus)
and trem - bles at his voice and trem - bles at his voice. (chorus)
be - gin - ning and the end, be - gin - ning and the end. (chorus)
the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb. (chorus)

Chorus
How great is our God Sing with me: How great is our God
and all will see how great, how great is our God.

Bridge
Name a - bove all names, worth - y of all praise,
My heart will sing "How great is our God." (to chorus 2nd time)

God blesses us and sends us out

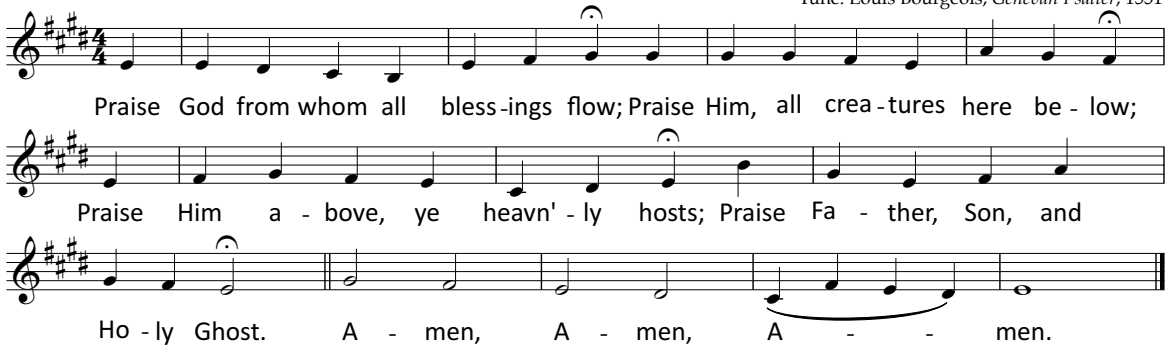
Pastor: And all God's people said . . .

All: **Hallelujah! Amen.**

Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken 1709

Tune: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;
Praise Him a - bove, ye heavn' - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

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