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### Worshiping as a Family

Corporate worship is for people of all ages, and the presence of children is a gift to the church.

All are welcome here. Other options for children include nursery (ages 8 weeks — 2 years), the cry room, and children's worship during the sermon (ages 3 — 1st grade).

Ushers or greeters can give you directions.

*"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'" (Mark 10:14)*

# Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

Themes and keywords: adopt/adoption, love

## Prelude

## Like a River Glorious

arr. Limbaugh

STANDING (IF ABLE)

## God calls us to worship

Psalms 149:1-2, 4-5

Liturgist: Praise the Lord!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!

**All:** *Let Israel be glad in his Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!*

Liturgist: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

**All:** *he adorns the humble with salvation.  
Let the godly exult in glory.*

## We praise God

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
Hymnal #8

Text: Joachim Neander  
translated by Catherine Winkworth  
Tune: *Stralsund Gesangbuch* 1665

## We pray for God to help us worship

Liturgist: Christ is risen!

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

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## God calls us to confess our sin

from Hebrews 4:14-16

Liturgist: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## We confess our sin

**All (sing):** Trisagion (below); sing 3 times

Ho - - ly God, Ho - ly Migh - ty One,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Liturgist: Our Father in heaven, you have lavished your favor upon us  
by adopting us in love, making us your children by grace.

**All:** *But we have prodigal hearts, prone to wander and run from you  
and from all that is good for us.*

Liturgist: You offer us abundant love and spiritual power to resist evil,  
to become more and more like you, and to fulfill your mission for us.

**All:** *But we often seek the illusion of love and life apart from you.  
So we are prone to live with hearts far from you,  
following at a distance, filled with doubts about your love,  
and seeking security and purpose in other places.*

Liturgist: You have made us heirs to the riches of an eternal inheritance:  
eternal life with you in a whole world made new.

**All:** *But we too easily forget the sure hope we have in Christ,  
and so we are prone to sinful fear and despair  
rather than trusting your faithfulness.  
Lord, have mercy on us.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Gracious Father, forgive us when we forget your love and our identity as beloved  
children. By the power of your Spirit, enlighten the eyes of our hearts to know and to  
trust that we are your sons and daughters in Christ and to live daily in the abundance of  
your steadfast love, with confidence in the presence and power of your Spirit in us and  
the great hope to which you have called us, the riches of our glorious inheritance in you.

**All (sing):** Trisagion (above); sing 1 time

STANDING (IF ABLE)

## God declares our forgiveness

Romans 8:31–32; Colossians 1:12–14

Liturgist: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? God the Father has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 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.

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

### There is a Fountain

Text: William Cowper 1772

Tune: Lowell Mason 1830



1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's veins,
2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day,
3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream thy flow - ing wounds sup - ply,
4. Dear dy - ing Lamb, thy pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its power



and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose\_ all their guil - ty stains,  
and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a - way,  
re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be 'til I die,  
'til all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more,



lose all their guil - ty stains,\_\_\_\_\_ lose all their guil - ty stains.  
washed all my sins a - way,\_\_\_\_\_ washed all my sins a - way.  
and shall be 'til I die,\_\_\_\_\_ and shall be 'til I die.  
be saved to sin no more,\_\_\_\_\_ be saved to sin no more;



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## **E'en So, Lord Jesus**

Chancel Choir

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,  
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,  
who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
for Christ is coming, is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;  
they need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
for Christ will be their all.

## **We greet one another with the peace of Christ**

(Children may go to  
children's worship)

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## **God instructs us in scripture reading**

Romans 8:13-23  
(pew Bible p. 944)

## **God instructs us in preaching**

"Adopted and Loved by God the Father"  
Dr. Dan Doriani



## We offer ourselves in gifts and song

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

**Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart**  
**Hymnal #249**

Text: George Croly 1854  
Tune: Frederick C. Atkinson 1870

## We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

**All:**        ***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.***

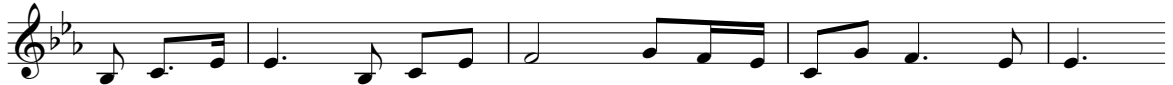
# We praise God

## In Christ Alone

Text and tune: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend 2001  
© 2001 Kingsway Thankyou Music



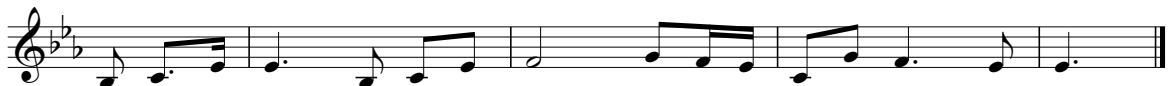
1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.  
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less babe.  
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain.  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.



This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
This gift of love and righ - teous - ness scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a - gain.  
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease.  
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied,  
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand.



My Com - for - ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.  
for I am His, and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.

# 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 heav'n - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - - men.

## Postlude

## Praeambulum et Fuga ex C

V. Lübeck

The flowers in the chancel are given by Bob and Donna Church  
in loving memory of Donna's brother, Jacob Beals.

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