

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music Welcome

Gathering Rite

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you; **C: And also with you.**

- P: O Lord, open my lips;
- C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God;

- C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.
- P: The sacrifices God wants are a broken spirit,
- C: A broken and crushed heart, O God, you will not despise.

Hymn

"Lord, Jesus You are Going Forth" Christian Worship 126 st. 1-2

Lord Jesus, you are going forth For me your life to offer, For me, a sinner from my birth, Who caused all you must suffer. So be it then, my dearest Friend; I follow after weeping, tears flowing free Your pain to see, watch o'er your sorrows keeping.

O soul, come hither and behold The fruit of your transgression! My burden is the curse of old And for your sin my passion. Now comes the night of sin's dread might; Your guilt I here am bearing. Oh, weight it, soul; I make you whole, No need now of despairing. P: Jesus invites us, "come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

C: O Lord, in humility we come. We are weary because our sins weigh us down, and there is no relief. We are burdened by the just sentence placed upon our sinful disobedience, and there is no place to turn for reprieve.

Hymn

"Lord Jesus You are Going Forth" Christian Worship 126 st. 3

'Tis I, Lord Jesus, I confess, Who should have borne sin's wages And lost the peace of heav'nly bliss Through everlasting ages. Instead you go to bear the blow, My punishment to carry. Your death and blood lead me to God; By grace I there may tarry.

P: Jesus assures us, that if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

C: O Lord, in mercy you sought us. You heard our desperate cry for rescue, and you secured the forgiveness of our sins. How blessed we are that your precious blood purifies us from all our sins and guilt.

Hymn

"Lord Jesus You are Going Forth" Christian Worship 126 st. 4

O soul, I take upon me now The pain you should have suffered. My death will your release allow; My gift is freely offered. The curse I choose that you might lose Sin's curse and guilt forever. My gift of love from heav'n above Will give you blessing ever.

P: It is only by grace through faith we can ever have the confidence to say, "I sought the Lord and he answered me. From all my terrors, he delivered me. From all my distress he saved me. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is everyone who takes refuge in him.

Hymn

"Lord Jesus You are Going Forth" Christian Worship 126 st. 5

What can I for such love divine To you, Lord Jesus, render? No merit has this heart of mine; Yet while I live I'll tender Myself alone and all I own In love to serve before you. Then when time's past, take me at last; In heav'n I shall adore you.

Evening Prayer

P: O gracious Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have always loved us with an everlasting love. That love was displayed when you went the way of the cross. Daily lead us to acknowledge it was our sins and disobedience which made it necessary for you to suffer and die. Now, because of your undeserved mercy, we are free from our misery. Bless us as we worship you—together with your Father and the Spirit—our only true and saving God. **C: Amen.**

The Passion History according to the Four Gospels

Part 1—The Upper Room

The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. Jesus said to his disciples, "You know

that after two days it will be the Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas. They plotted together how to arrest Jesus in some deceitful way and kill him. But they said, "Not during the Festival, or else there might be a riot among the people."

Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve. He went away and spoke with the chief priests and officers of the temple guard about how he could betray Jesus to them. They were glad and agreed to give him money. He promised to do it and was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them away from the crowd.

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, 'Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

A dispute arose among the disciples about which of them was considered to be greatest. But he told them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called Benefactors. But it is not to be that way with you. Instead, let the greatest among you become like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who serves. For who is greater, one who reclines at the table or one who serves? Isn't it the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have remained with me in my trials. I am going to grant a kingdom to you, just as my Father granted to me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.

By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God. He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered him, "You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand."

Peter told him, "You will never, ever, wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me."

"Lord, not just my feet," Simon Peter replied, "but also my hands and my head!"

Jesus told him, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all of you." Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment,

he reclined at the table again. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me Teacher and Lord.

You are right, because I am. Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you. Amen, Amen, I tell you: A servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Congregation sings

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image" Christian Worship 319

On my heart imprint your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace, That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Have no pow'r to hide your face. This is the superscription be: Jesus, crucified for me, Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation.

Confession of Faith

(we join in the words of Luther's Explanation the Second Article of the Apostles Creed)

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Day

"All Mankind Fell In Adam's Fall" Christian Worship 378 st. 1-5

All mankind fell in Adam's fall; One common sin infects us all. From one to all the curse descends, And over all God's wrath impends.

Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps And us in dreadful bondage keeps; In guilt we draw our infant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.

From hearts depraved, to evil prone, Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone; God's image lost, the darkened soul Nor seeks nor finds its heav'nly goal.

But Christ, the second Adam, came To bear our sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our light, our way, Our only hope, our only stay.

As by one man all mankind fell And, born in sin, was doomed to hell, So by one Man, who took our place, We all were justified by grace.

"The Misery of Mankind; The Mercy of Jesus"

Fear Appears and Takes Control

¹Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³ but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, 'You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.""

⁴The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die. ⁵In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. ⁸ They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹ The LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ The man said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."

¹¹God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³ The LORD God said to the woman, "What have you done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Fear is Removed through Perfect Love

1 John 4:12-18

¹² No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and his love has been brought to its goal in us. ¹³ This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. ¹⁶ We also have come to know and trust the love that God has for us.

God is love. Whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. ¹⁷ In this way his love has been brought to its goal among us, so that we may have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are just like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but complete love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who continues to be afraid has not been brought to the goal in love.

"Fear Which Seizes the Heart is Removed"

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks

Evening Litany (we read responsively)

P: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide, Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God.
C: Have mercy on us.

P: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: By your bloody sweat and bitter agony, by your cross and suffering, and by your precious death and burial:C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: By your triumphant resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by the promised coming of the Holy Spirit: C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment:C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: From all spiritual blindness; from self-pride and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of true Christlike love; From all deadly sin and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil; From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of the heart, and contempt for your Word and your will:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Grant us your peace.

P: Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Christ, have mercy on us.

P: Lord, have mercy on us, and hear us as we pray:

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen!

Hymn

"Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice Christian Worship 377 st 1-2, 4-5

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exaltation springing, And, with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing, Proclaim the wonders God has done, How his right arm the vict'ry won. How dearly it has cost him!

Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me. Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me. Yet deep and deeper still I fell; Life had become a living hell, So firmly sin possessed me.

But God beheld my wretched state Before the world's foundation, And, mindful of his mercies great, He planned my soul's salvation. A Father's heart he turned to me, Sought my redemption fervently; He gave his dearest treasure.

> He spoke to his beloved Son: "Tis time to have compassion. Then go, bright Jewel of my crown, And bring mankind salvation. From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they May live with you forever."

Evening Prayer

P: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your people, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness while praying with boldness and confidence, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

The Benediction:

P: Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.

May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.



Closing Hymn

"God Who Made the Earth and Heaven" Christian Worship 590

God, who made the earth and heaven, darkness and light, You the day for work have given, for rest the night. May your angel host defend us, Slumber sweet your mercy send us,

Holy dreams and hopes attend us all through the night.

And when morn again shall call us to run life's way,

May we still, whate'er befall us, your will obey. From the pow'r of evil hide us; In the narrow pathway guide us; Never be your smile denied us, all through the day.

Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, and, when we die, May we in your mighty keeping all peaceful lie. When the last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not forsake us, But to reign in glory take us with you on high.

Holy Father, throned in heaven, all holy Son, Holy Spirit, freely given—blest Three in One, Grant us grace, we now implore you, Till we lay our crowns before you And in worthier strains adore you while ages run.

Silent Prayers

Announcements

Tonight - In our faithful Savior's name, *Welcome to our Midweek Worship!* May the blessing of Jesus' precious work lead you to rejoice in his mercy, and to rejoice in every good gift he gives us through his undeserved love.

• More announcements follow on page 17.

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