

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:25-29

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

People: **The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.**

Pastor: You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

People: **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

1. All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring!  
Thou art the King of Israel  
Thou David's royal Son  
Who in the Lord's name comest  
The King and Blessed One!

2. The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went  
Our prayer and praise and anthems  
Before Thee we present  
To Thee before Thy Passion  
They sang their hymns of praise  
To Thee now high exalted  
Our melody we raise

3. Thou didst accept their praises  
Accept the prayers we bring  
Who in all good delightest  
Thou good and gracious King!  
All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer King  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring!

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest (repeat)

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READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 21:1-10

Leader: Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Say to the daughter of Zion,  
'Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting,

People: **"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"**

Leader: <sup>10</sup> And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?"

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. When Love came down to earth  
And made His home with men  
The hopeless found a hope  
The sinner found a friend  
Not to the powerful  
But to the poor He came  
And humble hungry hearts  
Were satisfied again

Chorus

What joy, what peace, has come to us  
What hope, what help, what love

When Love Came Down

2. When ev'ry unclean thought  
And every sinful deed  
Was scourged upon His back  
And hammered through His feet  
The innocent is cursed  
The guilty are released  
The punishment of God  
On God has brought me peace  
Chorus

3. Come lay your heavy load  
Down at the Master's feet  
Your shame will be removed  
Your joy will be complete  
Come crucify your pride  
And enter as a child  
For those who bow down low  
He'll lift up to His side  
Chorus 2X  
What love!

Author: Stuart Townend

CONFESSION OF SIN

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and later pronounced, "Crucify him," we are fickle people who, though we proclaim Jesus as King, often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us that rather than feasting on grace, we binge on fear and worry. Forgive us for caring more about our image and reputation than your name and glory. Forgive us for being quicker to judge and label others, than to see and grieve our own sin. May your grace and goodness in Christ increasingly bind our wandering hearts to you in sincere and pure devotion. In Jesus Name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:33-34

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

1. Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us  
Freely You've bled for us

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with Him again  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave

Christ Is Risen

2. Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign  
Forever let Your church proclaim  
Chorus

(Bridge)  
O death, where is your sting?  
O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light  
The glory of God has defeated the night  
Singing, O death, where is your sting?  
O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light  
Our God is not dead  
He's alive! He's alive!  
Chorus 2X

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### HYMN OF PREPARATION      **The Power of the Cross**

(Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for “Equip for Worship” during the last stanza.  
Visitors’ children are welcome.)

1. Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day. Christ on the road to Calvary  
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then, nailed to a cross of wood

#### Chorus

This the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross

2. Oh to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed, crowning Your bloodstained brow  
Chorus

3. Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath, quakes as its maker bows His head  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, finished the vict'ry cry  
Chorus

4. Oh to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suff'ring I am free  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love

#### Chorus 2

This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us  
What a love ,what a cost, we stand forgiven at the cross

#### REPEAT

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## SCRIPTURE READING      Mark 14:32-52

<sup>32</sup> And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” <sup>33</sup> And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” <sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” <sup>37</sup> And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” <sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. <sup>41</sup> And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

<sup>43</sup> And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. <sup>44</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.” <sup>45</sup> And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him. <sup>46</sup> And they laid hands on him and seized him. <sup>47</sup> But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>48</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? <sup>49</sup> Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.” <sup>50</sup> And they all left him and fled.

<sup>51</sup> And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, <sup>52</sup> but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD      Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

**People: And hearing through the word of Christ.**

### SERMON      “The Amazing Immensity of Christ’s Love” - Rev. Keith Peck

## HYMN OF RESPONSE      Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

1. Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior's name.  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai 's flame.  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has brought us nigh to God.

2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies.  
Called us by His grace and taught us,  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He presents our souls to God

3. Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down.  
For the Lord our strong salvation  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
Soon will bring us home to God.

## BENEDICTION

## DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and  
Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## POSTLUDE

4. Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store,  
When through grace in Christ our trust is,  
Justice smiles and asks no more.  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
Has secured our way to God.

5. Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high.  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou art worthy, Lamb of God.

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*“Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
Once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.”  
I Peter 2:10*

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