

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Joel 2:11-14

Pastor: The day of the LORD is great and very awesome; who can endure it?

People: **“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.”**

Pastor: Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

People: **Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him?**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE Only A Holy God

1. Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God

2. What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendour outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him, The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy, forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God

3. What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God
Chorus 2X
(Interlude)

4. Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God
Chorus
Come and worship the Holy God
(Interlude)
Chorus

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 39:21-24

²¹ “And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them. ²² The house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God, from that day forward. ²³ And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they dealt so treacherously with me that I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword. ²⁴ I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and their transgressions, and hid my face from them.”

HYMN OF CONFESSION How Sweet and Awesome

1. How sweet and awesome is the place
With Christ within the doors
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores

2. While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues
Lord why was I a guest?

3. Why was I made to hear Thy voice
And enter while there's room
When thousands make a wretched choice
And rather starve than come?

4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in
Else we had still refused to taste
And perished in our sin

5. Pity the nations, O our God
Constrain the earth to come
Send Thy victorious Word abroad
And bring the strangers home

6. We long to see Thy churches full
That all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul
Sing Thy redeeming grace

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues
"Lord, why was I a guest?"

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father you have loved us and made us your own, your beloved. Yet we have dealt treacherously with you. We give our hearts to idols; counterfeit gods that we think give us meaning, value, and purpose. We worship the created rather than worshipping the Creator. And yet you have not hidden your face from us. You have looked favorably upon us in Christ. Now we pray that you continue your good work in us making us holy through your Spirit. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Cont'd) Ezekiel 39:25-29

²⁵ “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name. ²⁶ They shall forget their shame and all the treachery they have practiced against me, when they dwell securely in their land with none to make them afraid, ²⁷ when I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them from their enemies' lands, and through them have vindicated my holiness in the sight of many nations. ²⁸ Then they shall know that I am the LORD their God, because I sent them into exile among the nations and then assembled them into their own land. I will leave none of them remaining among the nations anymore. ²⁹ And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord GOD.”

HYMN OF ASSURANCE Isaiah 43

1. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you
And the waves will not overcome you
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you
I have called you by name, you are mine

Chorus

Men: For I am the Lord your God (Women echo: I am the Lord your God)
I am the Lord your God
All: I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior
Men: For I am the Lord your God (Women echo: I am the Lord your God)
I am the Lord your God
All: I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior
Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)
Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)
Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)
Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)

2. When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned
And the flames will not consume you
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you
I have called you by name, you are mine
Chorus
I am the Lord.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue

*(Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for "Equip for Worship" during the last stanza.
Visitors' children are welcome.)*

1. To Christ the Lord let every tongue,
Its noblest tribute bring.
When He's the subject of the song,
Who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of His face,
And on His glories dwell,
Think of the wonder of His grace,
And all His triumphs tell.

2. Majestic sweetness sits enthroned,
Upon His awful brow.
His head with radiant glories crowned,
His lips with grace o'erflow;
No mortal can with Him compare,
Among the sons of men,
And fairer He than all the fair,
That fills the heavenly train.

3. He saw me plunged in deep distress,
He fled to my relief.
For me He bore the shameful cross,
And carried all my grief;

His hand a thousand blessings pours,
Upon my guilty head.
His presence gilds my darkest hours,
And guards my sleeping bed.

4. Since from His bounty I receive
Such proofs of love divine,
Had I a thousand hearts to give,
Lord, they would all be Thine.
A thousand men could not compose
A worthy song to bring,
Yet Your love is a melody
Our hearts can't help but sing.

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SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-13

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

SERMON

"Pentecost"

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

HYMN OF RESPONSE Doxology

Musicians: A Dios, el Padre celestial;
Al Hijo, nuestro Redentor;
Al eternal Consolador,
Unidos, todos alabad.

Congregation joins: A Dios, el Padre celestial;
Al Hijo, nuestro Redentor;
Al eternal Consolador,
Unidos, todos alabad.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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!

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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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