

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 2:9-11

Leader: Being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

People: **Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.**

Leader: So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

People: **And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus is Alive

1. There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days,
For the One that once was buried lives again.
Now the tomb is bare and empty, and the stone is rolled away.
Praise the Risen One who overcame the grave!

2. All you broken hearted, all you worn and weak,
Come find living water, everlasting streams.
To the wandering spirit, lost and searching, wanting something more,
Find the Risen King who overcomes the world!

Chorus

Let there be dancing in the darkness,
And let our song break through the night.
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King,
For Jesus is Alive!

3. No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear,
For our sin and shame, they have no power here.
In His resurrection, perfect love has set the captives free.
Praise the Risen King who stands in victory!

Chorus

Bridge (3x)

Hallelujah, death is undone;
Hallelujah, Jesus has won;
Hallelujah, we overcome;
Oh in Jesus, oh in Jesus!

Chorus (2x)

⁹ “As I looked,
 thrones were placed,
 and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
 his clothing was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
 his throne was fiery flames;
 its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
 and came out from before him;
 a thousand thousands served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
 the court sat in judgment,
 and the books were opened.

¹¹ “I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

¹³ “I saw in the night visions,
 and behold, with the clouds of heaven
 there came one like a son of man,
 and he came to the Ancient of Days
 and was presented before him.

¹⁴ And to him was given dominion
 and glory and a kingdom,
 that all peoples, nations, and languages
 should serve him;
 his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
 which shall not pass away,
 and his kingdom one
 that shall not be destroyed.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and gracious God, you alone are exalted, creator of heaven and earth. And yet you have created us each in your likeness, crowning us with glory and honor. But we have belittled both ourselves and others. In our every sin, we damage ourselves as we disparage your image. And when we demean another, it is an attack upon you, since they bear your likeness. Forgive us for the many ways we exalt ourselves at the expense of others, instead of recognizing the glory that is ours as those who share your image. And open our eyes to your loving care, revealed in Christ Jesus your Son, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Matthew 1:21

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow!
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. For my cleansing this I see:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon this my plea:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Chorus

Nothing But the Blood

3. Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Chorus

4. This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Chorus 2X

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:20-37

²⁰ Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, ²¹ nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

²² And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. ²³ And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out or follow them. ²⁴ For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. ²⁵ But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. ²⁶ Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷ They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, ²⁹ but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— ³⁰ so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹ On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. ³² Remember Lot’s wife. ³³ Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. ³⁴ I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. ³⁵ There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”

SERMON

**“The Kingdom of God and the Church of Christ”
- Rev. Bryan Rigg**

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN

For All the Saints

1. For all the saints,
Who from their labor's rest,
Who Thee, by faith,
Before the world confessed:
"Thy name, O Jesus,
Be forever blest.
Alleluia allelu..."

2. Thou wast their Rock,
Their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain
In the well fought fight;
Thou in the darkness,
Drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia allelu...

3. O may Thy soldiers,
Faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints
Who nobly fought of old,
And win with them
The victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia allelu...

4. The golden evening
brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful
Warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm
Of paradise the blest,
Alleluia allelu...

5. But lo! There breaks
A yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant
Rise in bright array;
The King of glory
Passes on His way,
Alleluia allelu...

6. From earth's wide bounds,
From ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl
Streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia alleluia.

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

Rejoice the Lord is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore.
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore!

Chorus

Lift up your heart;
Lift up your voice,
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. Jesus the Savior reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above.
Chorus

3. His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n.
Chorus

4. He sits at God's right hand,
till all His foes submit.
And bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet.
Chorus

5. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home!
Chorus 2X

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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

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