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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### MAY 4, 2025

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When the musical prelude begins, the congregation is invited to spend time preparing their hearts for corporate worship.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Colossians 2:6**

Leader: Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so  
walk in him.

**People: Rooted and built up in him and established in the faith.**

Leader: Just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

### O For a Thousand Tongues

1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

2. My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.

3. "Jesus," the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

4. He breaks the power of reigning sin,  
He sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
The humble poor believe.

6. Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come,  
And leap ye lame for joy!

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord, you call us to take up our cross and follow you. Yet we remain mired in well-worn paths, often wandering, returning to ways more familiar, more comfortable, which take us nowhere. You promise to never leave or forsake us, but we confess that we fear what we'll face if we heed your call and follow. You tell us that you go to prepare a place for us, and yet we grow impatient and so seek a place for ourselves. Grant us greater courage, that we might lay aside every weight, and sin that clings so closely, that we might run with endurance the race set before us, looking to you, Lord Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**John 6:28-29**

<sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### HYMN OF ASSURANCE

### Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still my own.

4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,  
With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.

2. Let the world despise and leave me,  
They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while Thou dost smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me,  
Show Thy face and all is bright.

5. Soul, then know thy full salvation;  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care.  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
Child of heav'n, canst thou repine.

3. Man may trouble and distress me,  
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me;  
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me  
While Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,  
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heav'n's eternal days before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## CONGREGATIONAL READING

## Romans 15:4-6

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## SERMON

### **“An Account to God” - Rev. Bryan Rigg**

## Romans 14:1-12

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<sup>1</sup> As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup> One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup> One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup> The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup> For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup> for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

<sup>12</sup> So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

## SERMON NOTES

# CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

## Come Unto Jesus

1. Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary;  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
Here bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy;  
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

2. Joy of the comfortless, Light for the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, Peace in our strife;  
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying:  
"My yoke is easy, my burden is light."

### Chorus

Come unto Jesus,  
Come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens, He is enough;  
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

3. Come taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners;  
Drink from the cup of His promise made sure.  
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters;  
Grace overflowing is yours evermore.  
Chorus

4. Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking;  
All that was gain, count as nothing but loss.  
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading;  
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross;  
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross;  
Life everlasting He offers to us.

Come unto Jesus,  
Come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens, He is enough;  
Come unto Jesus,  
Come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens, He is enough;  
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

### Chorus

Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

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## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it Lord that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small,  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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## Jesus Paid it All

1. I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small.  
Child of weakness, watch and pray;  
Find in Me thine all in all."

### Chorus

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

2. Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone.  
Chorus 2X

3. And when, before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete:  
"Jesus died, my soul to save,"  
My lips shall still repeat!

### Chorus

Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

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## DOXOLOGY

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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