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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Deuteronomy 7:6-9**

<sup>6</sup> “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup> It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup> but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

1. Father long before creation  
Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

2. Though the world may change its fashion,  
Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant  
Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever praise His name.

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**Father Long Before Creation**

3. God's compassion is my story  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us,  
That His only Son He gave.

4. Loving Father now before Thee  
We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing  
‘Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory,  
To our God and to the Lamb;

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To our God and to the Lamb.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess that we are focused on earthly matters rather than the things of heaven. We confess that we are often entangled with our sin and captivated with pleasures and things of this world. That we frequently gratify the flesh and serve and indulge our senses. That we cling to the things of this place which clouds our vision for the things of You. Lord forgive us for our nearsightedness and open the eyes of our heart that we might know the glorious riches of your mercy and the promise of everlasting life with Christ Jesus our Lord.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Isaiah 43:1-4a**

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you.

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

1. How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds, which mar the Chosen One,  
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold, the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life,  
I know that it is finished.

## How Deep the Father's Love for Us

3. I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection!  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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## CONGREGATIONAL READING

**Hosea 2:19-23**

<sup>19</sup> I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. <sup>20</sup> I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD. <sup>21</sup> "And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth, <sup>22</sup> and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil, and they shall answer Jezreel, <sup>23</sup> and I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people'; and he shall say, 'You are my God.'"

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

**Hosea 11**

<sup>1</sup>When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. <sup>2</sup>The more they were called, the more they went away; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning offerings to idols. <sup>3</sup>Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them. <sup>4</sup>I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. <sup>5</sup>They shall not return to the land of Egypt, but Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. <sup>6</sup>The sword shall rage against their cities, consume the bars of their gates, and devour them because of their own counsels. <sup>7</sup>My people are bent on turning away from me, and though they call out to the Most High, he shall not raise them up at all. <sup>8</sup>How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. <sup>9</sup>I will not execute my burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. <sup>10</sup>They shall go after the LORD; he will roar like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west; <sup>11</sup>they shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD. <sup>12</sup>Ephraim has surrounded me with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit, but Judah still walks with God and is faithful to the Holy One.

**SERMON NOTES**

## **HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**

1. Here is love, vast as the ocean,  
Lovingkindness as the flood;  
When the Prince of Life, our ransom,  
Shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten,  
Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

2. On the mount of crucifixion,  
Fountains opened deep and wide,  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy,  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide;  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from above,  
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

3. On the morn of resurrection,  
Mercy filled the thirsty grave;  
Where the stone of death burst open,  
Springs of life flowed unrestrained.  
Love no heart could ever measure,  
Joy no sorrows will outrun;  
Rush upon the soul believing,  
In the risen, reigning Son.

## **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!**

## **Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean (Everlasting Praise)**

4. Oh this love, vast love of Jesus,  
Bids us come and drink and live.  
To this weary world of longing,  
What more could our Savior give?  
Now to Christ who fully loved us  
And who freed us from our sin,  
Be all glory and dominion,  
Everlasting praise to Him.

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