
ORDER OF WORSHIP
MAY 24, 2026

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 4:4, 6-7

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

People: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God.

Leader: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF GATHERING

Rejoice!

1. Come and stand before your maker
Full of wonder, full of fear;
Come behold his power and glory
Yet with confidence draw near,
For the one who holds the heavens
And commands the stars above
Is the God who bends to bless us
With an unrelenting love.

3. All our sickness, all our sorrows
Jesus carried up the hill.
He has walked this path before us,
He is walking with us still;
Turning tragedy to triumph,
Turning agony to praise,
There is blessing in the battle
So take heart and stand amazed.

Chorus

Rejoice!
Come and lift your hands
and raise your voice;
He is worthy of all praise,
Rejoice!
Sing of mercies of your king
And with trembling, rejoice.

Ending Chorus

Rejoice!
When you cry to him
he hears your voice;
He will wipe away your tears.
Rejoice!
In the midst of suffering
He will help you sing...
Rejoice!
Come and lift your hands
and raise your voice;
He is worthy of all praise,
Rejoice!
Sing of mercies of your king
And with trembling, rejoice.

2. We are children of the promise,
The beloved of the Lord.
Won with everlasting kindness,
Bought with sacrificial blood.
Bringing reconciliation
To a world that longs to know
The affections of a father
Who will never let them go.
Chorus

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹ Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
² the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;
he is called blessed in the land;
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
³ The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.
⁴ As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"
⁵ My enemies say of me in malice,
"When will he die, and his name perish?"
⁶ And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
while his heart gathers iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

Psalm 41

⁷ All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.
⁸ They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies."
⁹ Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
¹⁰ But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!
¹¹ By this I know that you delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
¹² But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.
¹³ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, though the evil one offered you the kingdoms of the world and all their glory, you faithfully served your Father, and established an everlasting kingdom through your death and resurrection. Therefore, you call us to lay up treasures for ourselves not on earth, but in heaven, reminding us that where our treasure is, there our heart will be also. Yet we confess that our hearts are often set on what is of this age rather than the age to come. We are discontent when we should be full of gratitude for the many signs of your abundant grace. We are envious, when we should be seeking your kingdom and its righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. And renew us, that we might no longer live for ourselves, but for you, who for our sake died and was raised.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 8:9

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

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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CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lewis James D'Andrea

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
from age to age. Amen, amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SERMON

“The Demoniac”
- Rev. Mike Sharrett

Matthew 8:28-34

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²⁸And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. ²⁹And behold, they cried out, “What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?” ³⁰Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at some distance from them. ³¹And the demons begged him, saying, “If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs.” ³²And he said to them, “Go.” So they came out and went into the pigs, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the waters. ³³The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, especially what had happened to the demon-possessed men. ³⁴And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they begged him to _____.

SERMON NOTES

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

1. Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heav'n Thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore Thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear.

2. From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hard'ning pow'r of sin;
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within:

Chorus

By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord;
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord,
good Lord.

3. When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's pow'r;
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour.

By Thy Mercy

4. When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys, our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace:
Chorus

5. In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain;
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When all human help is vain;

6. In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day;
May our souls, on Thee relying,
Find Thee still our Rock and Stay.
Chorus 2X

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SONG OF RESPONSE

1. Out of my distress I called out for help;
And the Lord came quickly to save me.
Praise our God most high; He is on my side,
For the Lord's become my salvation!

2. Open up the gate where the righteous wait;
To behold the face of their Savior.
I am welcomed in by my Lord and friend,
And the Lord's become my salvation!

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The Lord's Become Our Salvation (Psalm 118)

Chorus

Oh give thanks to the Lord,
For his never-ending love!
We will celebrate what He's done this day.
For the Lord's become our salvation!
For the Lord's become our salvation!

3. Now the stone ignored by the strong and proud
Has become the Church's foundation.
Let the weak give praise for this gift of grace,
For the Lord's become our salvation!
Chorus 2X

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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