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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is the Lord

Exalted among the nations.

Mighty is the Lord

King of heaven and earth.

Holy is the Lord

Beyond our understanding.

Let us worship our God and King!

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again;

gladly fore'er we adore him.

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Psalm 145:1-10

Tune: Jesus Shall Reign

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

You shall not make idols for yourselves or erect an image or pillar,
and you shall not set up a figured stone in your land to bow down to
it, for I am the LORD your God. *Leviticus 26:1*

Our Lord we confess that in you we find true freedom but we have
not lived as ambassadors of that freedom.

**Forgive us Lord for not proclaiming freedom to the captive
and liberty to the oppressed.**

**Forgive us for placing obstacles in the path of those
seeking your grace and burdens upon the burdened.**

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus
from the law of sin and death.

**Lord we have not honored your instruction
as the path to contentment.**

**Forgive us, for we ignore your law at times
and at others use it as a means of judgment
and self-righteous promotion.**

In you alone, Lord, is true freedom and contentment.

**Forgive us for running to empty idols
in search of what only you can offer.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:2-4

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christian, how does our story begin?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made, in him was life and the life was the light of men.

Did the Word remain in Heaven with God?

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Who is the Word?

The Word is Jesus Christ, and though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Why did Christ do this?

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures. He was buried, and he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Adapted from John 1, Philippians 2, 1 Corinthians 15

CHILDREN'S SERMON

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

The Feast

With wondering eyes, Lord we admire the feast prepared by grace;
Come, Lord, and set our souls on fire, and fill each heart with peace.
These emblems of thy precious love, by faith may we receive!
And with a solemn pleasure prove, we in thy name believe.

Refrain

We eat this bread, we drink this wine,
come give yourself to us.
We know you're here, that's why we've come,
to feast on thee with love.

No goodness of our own we bring; we're sinners vile and base;
Christ is our all; of Christ we sing, and long to see his face.
O may we each, with heart and tongue sing, "Worthy is the Lamb";
To him alone the praise belongs, and we'll adore his name. *(Refrain)*

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SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 6:12-20

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Meant for the Lord"

Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

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,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ.

MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING

And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain

Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis myst'ry all, Th'Immortal dies: Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of live divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above (So free, so infinite his grace!),
Humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free: For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fastbound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: Meant for the Lord