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At Home Bulletin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP*

We love the LORD, because he has heard
our voice and our pleas for mercy.

**Because he inclined his ear to us,
Therefore, we will call on him as long as we live.**

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

**For you have delivered our souls from death,
our eyes from tears, our feet from stumbling;**

What shall we render to the LORD
for all his benefits to us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
We will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.**

Adapted from Ps 116

INVOCATION*

SONGS OF PRAISE*

10,000 Reasons

Chorus:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *(chorus)*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *(chorus)*

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending –
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore! *(chorus)*

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O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that sleekest me through pain I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That mom shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, great God,
all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,
we are embarrassed to come before you,
for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways,
for we have rebelled against your wisdom
and we have gotten into trouble,
for we have rejected your fatherly guidance
and have gotten lost altogether.

To you belongs righteousness, O Lord,
and to us confusion of face.

O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe,
Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,
incline your ear to our troubles.
Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you.

Forgive us,
not on the ground of our own righteousness,
but on the ground of your great mercy.
On the ground of your great mercy
in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.
It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior
and the mediator of the covenant of grace.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:4-8

In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.
In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *

Christians, what do you believe?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

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 *

Abide With Me Fast Falls the Eventide

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide:
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me

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SCRIPTURE READING

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

John 15:4-8

SERMON

“Abiding in Christ and Bearing Fruit”

Mr. Ernest Shipman

OUTLINE:

What do we mean by the word ‘abide’?

What do we mean by the word ‘fruit’?

Verse 4: we are to abide and bear fruit:

Verse 5: remembering our relationship and dependence

Verse 6: we are again warned about not being in Christ:

Verse 7: getting our desires in line with God

Verse 8: we abide Sola Deo Gloria - for the glory of God alone

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

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

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HYMN OF SENDING

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (*refrain*)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (*refrain*)

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BENEDICTION*