

# The Lord's Service

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*\*Standing together is our ordinary practice,  
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Prelude

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\*Song of Praise and Greeting

*I Stand in Awe*

You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words,  
Too wonderful for comprehension; like nothing ever seen or heard.

Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom?

Who can fathom the depth of Your love?

You are beautiful beyond description; majesty enthroned above.

And I stand, I stand in awe of You. I stand, I stand in awe of You.

Holy God, to whom all praise is due, I stand in awe of You.

(1987 People of Destiny International)

Welcome and Announcements

# God Calls Us

*In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet the wise God in worship.*

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 33.1-4

LEADER: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

PEOPLE: **Praise befits the upright.**

LEADER: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;

PEOPLE: **Make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!**

LEADER: Sing to him a new song;

PEOPLE: **Play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**

LEADER: For the word of the LORD is upright,

PEOPLE: **And all his work is done in faithfulness.**

\*Hymn

No. 119

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

\*Invocation

Elder Ken Henry

# God Cleanses Us

Call for Confession

Psalm 33.16-17

LEADER: The king is not saved by his great army;

PEOPLE: **A warrior is not delivered by his great strength.**

LEADER: The war horse is a false hope for salvation,

PEOPLE: **And by its great might it cannot rescue.**

*Whether seated or kneeling,  
let us approach the Lord together with a posture of reverence.*

## Call to Worship

We must be called into worship by God Himself. He sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ.

## Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will.

## Call for Confession

As we see God in His invitation and our praise, we cannot help but see how we have fallen short. God's Holy Scripture has the authority to reveal us to ourselves and transition our hearts to confession.

## **Corporate Confession of Sin**

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time not only for individual silent confession, but also confession that unites our voices as a body of people equally and desperately in need of God's grace.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

## **Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)**

**Almighty and most merciful Father;  
we have erred and strayed from Your ways  
like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices  
and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against Your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.**

**Restore those who are penitent;**

**according to Your promises**

**declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake;**

**that we may hereafter live a godly,  
righteous, and sober life;**

**to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Psalm 33.18-22**

**LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:**

**“Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord, He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.”**

**The peace of the Lord be with you!**

**PEOPLE: And also with you!**

\*Hymn

*My Heart Is Filled*

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light  
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly.  
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take.  
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.  
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

(2003 Thankyou Music)

## God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Mike Walker

Revelation 5.6-14 (p. 1031)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Graduate Recognition

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

arr. Schrader

*Revelation 19*

Hallelujah! Salvation and glory,  
Honor and power unto the Lord our God.  
For the Lord our God is mighty,  
And the Lord our God is omnipotent;  
The Lord, our God, He is wonderful.

All praises be to the King of Kings  
And the Lord of Lords, He is wonderful!  
(1998 Savgos Music/Candied Jam Music)

### Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. This lesson, or reading, helps prepare us for the Scripture lesson that will be preached from later.

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The tithe is our regular, worshipful setting apart of a portion of our resources for the purpose of God, while an offering is an additional portion we return to God for His glory. Both are a display of our joyful dependence upon God rather than our money.

### **Doxology**

A *doxology* is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory. The *Gloria Patri* is another example of a doxology.

### **Prayer of the Church**

We share in our health and sickness, happiness and sorrow, assurance and doubt, as we bring our prayers to God, together. Holy Scripture commands pastors to pray with and for God's people, not just in corporate worship, but privately, as well.

### **Scripture Lesson**

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service, but this lesson, or reading, prepares us for the sermon text.

### **Sermon**

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Holy Scripture by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Confession of Faith**

By confessing our faith together using statements believed by Christians over the ages, we join in the sweep of Christian history even as we await the return of Jesus.

### **\*Doxology**

No. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\*Prayer of the Church**

Pastor Mullinax

### **\*Hymn**

No. 43

*You Righteous, in the Lord Rejoice*

### **Scripture Lesson**

Psalm 33 (p. 463)

### **Sermon**

Pastor Jones

### **PRAISE FOLLOWS TRUST**

### **\*Hymn**

No. 679

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

### **\*Confession of Faith (in unison)**

Heidelberg Catechism 27, 28

**LEADER:** What do you understand by the providence of God?

**PEOPLE:** Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which He upholds, as with His hand, heaven and earth and all creatures and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty - all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from His fatherly hand.

**LEADER:** How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

**PEOPLE:** We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for

the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from His love. All creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they can neither move nor be moved.

\*Gloria Patri

No. 734

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.

## God Commissions Us

\*Benediction

Pastor Jones

Postlude

Evangeline Wykoff

### **Benediction**

Just as God calls us to worship at the beginning of the service with Holy Scripture, He sends us into our week with a Holy Scripture reminder (*a good word*) of the blessing of Christ, by God's grace, through the indwelling Spirit.