

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

GREETING AND WELCOME

INVOCATION

GOD CLEANSSES US

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SINS

“God is light and in Him there is no darkness. If we say that we have not sinned we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. Let us therefore confess our sins before almighty God.”

All: *“Most gracious and holy Father, we must cry to you for mercy, because our sins cry against us for justice. We who are gathered here must stand and admire Your lovingkindness and long suffering towards us, in that You have kept us from being consumed and brought to nought. O Lord, what is man that You regard him? How many and are our miscarriages and how great are the sins heaped up against You! Righteous Father, let the blood of Christ wash us from all impurities, and cleanse us from the stains of sin that are upon us. Give us grace to lay hold upon His merits; and to know our sins are forgiven by His death & passion. Embrace us in the arms of Your mercy for the sake of Your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.”*

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON..... ROMANS 8:33-34

Leader: *“Who will bring a charge against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.”*

GOD CALLS US

CALL TO WORSHIP.....PSALM 100:1-5..... (RESPONSIVE READING)

Leader: *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!*

People: *Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.*

Leader: *Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!*

All: *For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.*

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE:

“BEFORE JEHOVAH’S AWFUL THRONE”
(ISAAC WATTS, 1719)

*Before Jehovah's awful throne,
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone;
He doth create, and doth destroy.*

*His sovereign power, without our aid,
Made us of clay, and formed us men;
and when like wandering sheep we strayed,
He brought us to His fold again.*

*We'll crowd His gates with thankful songs,
High as the heavens our voices raise;
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill His courts with sounding praise.*

*Wide as the world is His command,
Vast as Eternity His love;
Firm as a rock His truth shall stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL..... GALATIANS 3:8-14

GOSPEL HYMN:

"MAJESTIC SWEETNESS SITS ENTHRONED"

(ORIGINAL TRINITY HYMNAL — #143)

*Majestic sweetness sits enthroned
Upon the Savior's brow;
His head with radiant glories crowned,
His lips with grace o'erflow.
Behold the beauties of His face
And on His glories dwell;
Regard the wonders of His grace
And all His triumphs tell.*

*He saw me plunged in deep distress
And flew to my relief;
For me He bore the shameful cross
And carried all my grief.
To Him I owe my life and breath
And all the joys I have;
He makes me triumph over death
And saves me from the grave.*

*No mortal can with Him compare
Among the sons of men;
So fairer He than all the fair
Who fill the heav'nly train.
Oh may this sweet and joyful theme
Fill ev'ry heart and tongue
Till strangers love His precious name
And join our sacred song.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF OFFERINGS

GOD CONSECRATES US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT..... NUMBERS 24:1-25

NEW TESTAMENT..... 2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-18

SERMON

RESPONSIVE HYMN:

"SO LET OUR LIVES AND LIPS EXPRESS"

(#706 - 1847 BAPTIST PSALTER)

*So let our lips and lives express
The holy gospel we profess
So let our works and virtues shine
To prove the doctrine all... divine*

Thus shall we best proclaim abroad

*The honors of our Savior God
When His salvation reigns within
And grace subdues the power... of sin*

*Our flesh and sense must be denied
Ambition, envy, lust, and pride
While justice, temperance, truth, and love
Our inward piety... approve*

*Devotion bears our spirits up
While we expect that blessed hope
The bright appearance of the Lord
And faith stands leaning on.. His word*

GOD COMMISSIONS US

**“Before departing, we unite our voices in praise and adoration one final time to renew our hearts to the Lordship of Jesus Christ;
and to the ministry of the gospel of God’s grace.”**

CLOSING HYMN:

“WE THANK THEE LORD; WE HAVE HEARD THY VOICE”
(ORIGINAL TRINITY HYMNAL, #713)

*We thank Thee Lord; We have heard Thy voice,
And it told of thy love to we;
We long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to thee.*

(Refrain)

*Draw us nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw us nearer, nearer Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

*Consecrate us now to Thy service, Lord,
By the pow'r of grace divine;
Let our gazed be fixed with steadfast hope,
And our will be lost in Thine.*

(Refrain)

*Draw us nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

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