

Order of Worship

Invocation

P: We make our beginning in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

Confession and Absolution

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Song - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 700

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;

Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish then Thy new creation,
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see Thy great salvation
 Perfectly restored in Thee,

Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heav'n we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-21

15[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

18"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

Sermon - Easter Transformations: From Abandoned to Adopted

Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Each petition ends...

P: Let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy

Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Announcements

Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

C: Amen

Closing Song - Made to Worship

Before the day, before the light
Before the world revolved around the
sun
God on high stepped down into time
And wrote the story of His love for
everyone

He has filled our hearts with wonder
So that we always remember

You and I were made to worship, you
and I are called to love
You and I are forgiven and free

You and I embrace surrender, you and
I choose to believe
Then you and I will see who we were
meant to be

All we are and all we have
Is all a gift from God that we receive
Brought to life we open up our eyes
To see the majesty and glory of the
King

He has filled our hearts with wonder
So that we always remember

You and I were made to worship, you
and I are called to love
You and I are forgiven and free
You and I embrace surrender, you and
I choose to believe
Then you and I will see who we were
meant to be

And even the rocks cry out and even
the Heavens shout
At the sound of His holy name

So let every voice sing out, and let
every knee bow down
He's worthy of all our praise

You and I were made to worship, you
and I are called to love
You and I are forgiven and free, yeah
When you and I embrace surrender,
you and I choose to believe
Then you and I will see, you and I will
see

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