

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 25, 2019

*To protect the Worship environment,
Please, no drinks in the Sanctuary, and remember to turn off cell phones.*

THE GATHERING

***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!
And crown Him Lord of all!

TEXT: Edward Perronet; adapted by John Rippon; MUSIC: Oliver Holden

***THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: REVELATION 4:8,11; 5:12,13**

LEADER: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!

**ALL: Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.**

LEADER: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!

**ALL: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

*The Glories of Calvary

Lord, You're calling me to come and behold the wondrous cross.
To explore the depths of grace that came to me at such a cost.
Where Your boundless love conquered my boundless sin,
And mercy's arms were opened wide.

(chorus)

My heart is filled with a thousand songs, proclaiming the glories of Calvary.
With every breath, Lord how I long to sing of Jesus who died for me.
Lord, take me deeper into the glories of Calvary.

Sinners find eternal joy in the triumph of Your wounds.
By our Savior's crimson flow Holy wrath has been removed.
And Your saints below join with Your saints above
Rejoicing in the Risen Lamb.

My heart is filled with a thousand songs, proclaiming the glories of Calvary.
With every breath, Lord how I long to sing of Jesus who died for me.

(repeat chorus)

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THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Holy God, though you have redeemed us and live among us by your Spirit, we lament that still we have sinned and been reluctant to obey. We confess that at times we have been:

Attached to what makes us feel good, yet neglectful of spiritual things;

Quick to gratify the body, yet slow to nourish the soul;

Greedy for present delight, yet indifferent to lasting blessing;

Soon at play, yet delayed at prayer;

Quick to look after ourselves, yet slow to look after others;

Eager to get, yet reluctant to give;

Confident in our promises, yet unwilling to fulfill them;

Harsh with those around us, yet indulgent with ourselves;

Eager to find fault, yet resentful when others find fault with me;

Helpless without you; and yet unwilling to depend upon you.

O merciful Father, forgive us yet again.

Give us faith to lay hold of your perfect holiness and to rejoice in the righteousness of Christ our Savior. Grant that resting on his goodness and not our own, we may become more like him.

All this we ask for his holy name's sake. Amen.

(Adapted from the prayers of John Baillie)

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND ACCEPTANCE BY GOD

LEADER: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. (Romans 5:6-9)

ALL: More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (Romans 5:10)

*Man of Sorrows

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God, has been on Jesus laid
Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns

(chorus)

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelu - jah, praise and honor unto Thee
Sent of heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones, who nailed Him to that tree

(repeat chorus)

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood, that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin, has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed (2x)

(repeat chorus)

See the stone is rolled away, behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah, God be praised, he's risen from the grave

(repeat chorus)

Praise and honor unto Thee

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*O Great God

O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me.

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*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH; Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

ALL: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, 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. 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.

***Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right**

Whate'er my God ordains is right: Holy His will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He does, and follow where He guideth.
He is my God; though dark my road He holds me that I shall not fall:
Wherefore to Him I leave it all.
Whate'er my God ordains is right.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path; I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent; His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day.
Whate'er my God ordains is right.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking,
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking
My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.
Whate'er my God ordains is right.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all.
Whate'er my God ordains is right.
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THE DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Although giving is a significant part of worship, we do not collect the offering during our service. Two boxes are placed by the doors to receive your offering. Tithes and offerings for the General Fund are placed in the box without the "steeple." Offerings for the Building Fund are to be placed in the box with the "steeple," with check payable to Grace EPC Building Fund.

THE WELCOME

At this time, please fill out the friendship register found at the side aisle. As the register is passed, please note those with whom you are worshipping so that you can greet one another after the service. If this is your first Sunday at Grace, please accept our invitation to worship with us again soon. If you would like information about Grace EPC, please take one of our brochures from the table in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home, please let us know and we will be happy to visit with you.

(CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASSES AT THIS TIME:
K-4TH GRADE — LINE UP IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE SANCTUARY)

(THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER THE SERVICE HAS BEGUN MAY BE SEATED AT THIS TIME)

THE WORD AND PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ruth 4:19-22

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE WORD

All: The grass withers and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.

THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE

Bill Vogler

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

It is our sincere desire to pray effectively for the particular needs of those worshipping with us this morning. If you have a prayer concern that you want shared with the congregation during the prayers of the people, please call the church office or one of the elders prior to the service with your request. If you desire prayer on a personal matter, we invite you to meet with the elders in the front pews after the Benediction.

Available for prayer after 8:15 worship: Scott Rask & Michael Lemon
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Caleb Stegall & Todd Koch

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me

All the way my Savior leads me, what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living Bread.
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me, oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised, in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages Jesus led me all the way;
This my song through endless ages, Jesus led me all the way.

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*Congregation will stand.