

Christ Church of Arlington
Order for the Worship of God
May 2, 2021

God Calls Us by His Grace

* Call to Worship

Matthew 11:28-30

Leader: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

ALL: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

* Prayer of Invocation

* Song of Praise

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with pow'r
He is able, He is able, He is willing, doubt no more

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all
Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call

Lo! Th'Incarnate God ascended pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good

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God Restores Us by His Grace

Song of Confession

God Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless I Thy mercy trust

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hebrews 10:19-23

Leader: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

* Please stand (if possible)

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to Thee
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord

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God Hears Us by His Grace

Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A #2

Leader: What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

ALL: First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Reflection

Only Your Blood

I am ashamed, conceived in sin I've always been
Born in a world where Adam's fall corrupts us
Rooted is the seed of death in life's first breath
Your law demands a perfect heart, but I'm defiled in every part *

**For only Your blood is enough to cover my sin
Only Your blood is enough to cover me*

Lord, this guilt disturbs my peace; I find no ease
Who will save me from my crime? I'm helpless
Behold, I fall before Your face in need of grace
So speak to me in a gentle voice, for in Your mercies I rejoice *

Women: Lord, create my heart anew
Men: Father, come and make us wise
Women: Only You are pure and true
Men: Lead us away from our demise
Women: Lord, You are the remedy
Men: For only Your blood can set us free
All: Only Your blood can set us free
Only Your blood can set us free

No bleeding bird, no bleeding beast, no hyssop branch, no priest
No running brook, no flood, no sea could wash away this stain from me
*(repeat) **

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Congregational Prayer

ALL: Our Father 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. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

God Speaks to Us by His Grace

Scripture Reading

Psalm 51

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

ALL: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon

Praying through Life: Guilt

Pastor Billy Boyce

God Sends Us by His Grace

* Song of Response

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all"
For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb *

** Jesus paid it all! All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow*

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone
And now, complete in Him, my robe His righteousness
Close sheltered 'neath His side, I am divinely blessed *

When from my dying bed my ransomed soul shall rise
"Jesus died my soul to save!" shall rend the vaulted skies
And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete
I'll lay my trophies down, all down at Jesus' feet *

* Doxology

He Is Risen

**O, let the nations sing the fame of Christ the Lamb who once was slain
He is risen! He is risen
Now we await the coming day when all those raised in Christ will say
"Give him glory! Give him glory! He is risen! He is risen! Allelu – ia!"**

* Benediction

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Sermon Notes

1. Agree with God.
2. Be broken before God.
3. Cling to God's promises.