

Good Shepherd Community Church
Pre-Reformation Sunday Worship Guide
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Gathering before Our God

Greeting

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all! **And also with you!***

Call to Worship:

Let us give thanks to Yahweh for his righteousness.

Let us make music to praise the name of Yahweh, Most High.

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.

Worship God in spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

We are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh. We boast in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God - that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. (Ps. 7:17; John 4:24; Phil.3:3;1 Cor. 1:30f)

Hymn – “All Glory Be to God on High”

All glory be to God on high,
and peace on earth from heaven,
and God's goodwill unfailingly
be to his people given.

Almighty God, you are our King:
we worship you, our thanks we bring,
we praise you for your glory.

O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ,
whom God the Father gave us,
who for the world was sacrificed
upon the cross to save us,
at God's right hand you intercede
for those who for your mercy plead;
receive the prayer we offer.

You only are the Holy One
who came for our salvation,
and only you are God's true Son

who was before creation.
You only, Christ, as Lord we own,
and with the Spirit you alone
share in the Father's glory.

Invocation

Hymn-“In Awe and Wonder, Lord Our God”

In awe and wonder, Lord our God,
we bow before your throne;
such holiness and burning love
are yours and yours alone.

2. Angelic spirits, night and day
adore your name on high.
Eternal Lord in majesty
you hear their ceaseless cry.

3. ‘O holy, holy, holy Lord,
great God of power and might,
all-glorious in heaven and earth,
you reign in realms of light.’

4. Your holiness inspires our fear,
evokes and heals our shame;
your boundless wisdom, awesome power,
unchangeably the same.

5. Salvation comes from you alone
which we can never win;
your love revealed on Calvary
is cleansing for our sin.

6. There is no grace to match your grace,
no love to match your love,
no gentleness of human touch
like that of heaven above.

7. On earth we long for heaven's joy
where bowed before your throne,
we know you, Father, Spirit, Son,
as God, and God alone.

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

The Scriptures tell us "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1:8f] Let us confess our sins, looking to Jesus Christ, our Savior, with faith and hope, knowing that he alone forgives and brings newness of life.

Please join me in the prayer of confession. Let us pray:

Prayer

Dear God, often as your children, we start every morning determined to make it through the day without sinning; but the truth is that we don't get very far. Whether we sin by action, inaction, or in our thoughts, we are all guilty. We use this guilt to work harder, to help more people, to try to become 'holier' people. In accomplishing more, we hope to feel better about ourselves, to make You love us more and to appear more Christian than our neighbors. Forgive us, O Lord. Help us to remember that You love us because you chose us and called us to yourself. We believe in You and we are saved not because of what we do, but because of who You are and what you have done for us in the person of Your most holy Son Jesus. **Amen.**

Hear the Gospel of Christ:

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. (1 Timothy 1:15, Ephesians 1:7)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. (Rom. 5:5)

Thanks be to God!

Singing of God's Grace in Salvation

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him. Exod, 15:2

Hymn- "Amazing Love, How Can It Be"

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain:

*Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

2 'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more. [Refrain]

3 He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me. [Refrain]

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee. [Refrain]

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. [Refrain]

Confessing Our Faith in Christ Our Righteousness

Q. What do you believe concerning the forgiveness of your sins?

I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction will no longer remember any of my sins

*or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life.
Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.*

How do you come by such forgiveness?

We are justified "freely" or "by grace" through redemption in Jesus Christ.

**And therefore, we cling to this foundation, which is firm forever, giving all glory to God,
humbling ourselves, and recognizing ourselves as we are;**

not claiming a thing for ourselves or our merits and leaning and resting

on the sole obedience of Christ crucified, which is ours when we believe in him. (From Heidelberg Catechism QA. 56, Belgic Confession 23)

Prayer of the Day

[Adapted from the Reformed liturgy of Strasbourg by Martin Bucer (about 1540).]

Almighty and ever gracious God, since all our salvation depends upon your holy Word: therefore grant that our hearts may be set free from worldly things, so that we may with all diligence and faith hear your Word, rightly understand your gracious will, and in all sincerity live accordingly, to your praise and glory; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reading the Holy Scripture

My word that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Isaiah 55:11; Romans 10:7

First Testament- Jeremiah 23:1-8; 33:14-18

Psalms 71:14-24

New Testament- Philippians 3:1-11

New Testament – Luke 18:9-14

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Praising God for Salvation

My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to You because You have redeemed me. Ps 71:23

Five Solas

By God alone I'm saved from my sin.

To God alone be glory! Amen.

The Word of God is truth revealed for man to know God's law;

The standard of reality, the Bible guides in all.

There is no other book divine, no other sacred tome,

The truth of God lies nowhere else but, in His Word, alone.

Salvation is a gift of God, so may no human boast:

By grace alone have saints been saved and blessed to uttermost!
No, nothing else can save my soul, my sin that can atone,
The sinner, now redeemed by God, is saved by grace alone.
By God alone I'm saved from my sin.
To God alone be glory! Amen.

The works of nat'ral man cannot appease the wrath of God,
Through Christian faith the Savior saves and stays the Father's rod.
For God could not my sin forgive through merits of my own,
The guilty wretch is justified by God through faith alone.

When first the sin of man appeared, the Lord withdrew His hand;
Thus Christ became a man and died to bridge the awful span;
No other One could mediate between me and God's throne,
The wayward son, restored to God, finds hope in Christ alone.
By God alone I'm saved from my sin.
To God alone be glory! Amen.

O praise the God who saves the weak, O glorify His name,
Let all creation with one voice His wondrous deeds proclaim!
Who else deserves the laud, the praise? It is not flesh and bone.
May all of life e'er glorify our King, our God, alone!

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Sermon Hymn- The Perfect Righteousness of God

The perfect righteousness of God
is witnessed in the Savior's blood;
'tis the cross of Christ we trace
His righteousness, yet wondrous grace.

2 God could not pass the sinner by;
justice demands that he should die;
but in the cross of Christ we see
how God can save, yet righteous be.

3 The judgment fell on Jesus' head;
'twas in His blood sin's debt was paid;
stern Justice can demand no more,

and Mercy can dispense her store.

4 The sinner who believes is free,
can say, "The Savior died for me";
can point to the atoning blood
and say, "This made my peace with God."

Text. Albert Midlane Meter- LM

Tune- Mendon

Praying to Our God

O LORD, the God who saves me day and night I cry out before you. May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry. Ps 88:1f

Prayer concerns, thanksgivings and petitions

Prayers of the People

Presentation of the Offering

And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

Let us offer our gifts to the Lord out of thankful hearts and joyful lives.

New Doxology

Verse 1

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Verse 2

Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim

The pow'r and might of His great Name

Let us exalt on bended knee

Praise God the Holy Trinity

Chorus

Praise God praise God

Praise God Who saved my soul

Praise God praise God

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Verse 3

Praise to the King His throne transcends

His crown and Kingdom never end

Now and throughout eternity
I'll praise the One Who died for me

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The Proclamation of the Word

Sermon Text- Romans 3:20-26

²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and *are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,* ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Sermon- “The Righteousness of God for Guilty Sinners” by Pastor Jeff Gregory

Response Hymn- “Jesus Your Blood and Righteousness”

Jesus, your blood and righteousness
my beauty are, my glorious dress!
mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed
with joy shall I lift up my head.

2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
and none condemn me, try who may:
fully absolved through Christ I am
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame

3 Lord, I believe your precious blood,
which, at the mercy seat of God,
forever does for sinners plead,
for me, e'en for my soul, was shed.

4 Jesus, be endless praise to you,
whose boundless mercy has for me,
for me a full atonement made,
an everlasting ransom paid.

5. This stainless robe its beauty wears
when all else fades with passing years;
no age can change its glorious hue
the robe of Christ is ever new.

6. When from the dust of death I rise
to claim my home beyond the skies,
then this shall be my only plea
that Jesus died and lives for me!

7. O let the dead now hear your voice,
let those once lost in sin rejoice!
their beauty this, their glorious dress:
Jesus, your blood and righteousness.
Text- Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf
LM. Germany

The Holy Supper of Our Lord for His Disciples

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. With joy we remember that God rescued us from sin by sending Jesus Christ into the world to become human, like us, but without sin. With gratitude we remember that through his death and resurrection we have been set free from sin and death to share the glorious freedom of children of God. With thanksgiving we rejoice that Jesus' resurrection enables us to live each day with God's power. May we know the risen Christ and rejoice in the unity he gives us.

Let us Confess the Mystery of Faith

The Word became flesh and lived among us as one of us without sin,

The Word is Jesus the Messiah. He said the Son of Man had come to give his life a ransom for many.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ ascended,

Christ will come again.

John 13:1 reads It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. As a visible symbol of his love for them he instituted a new memorial meal marking the enactment of the New Covenant in the sacrifice of his blood. He gave them and all who believe through the witness of the Word of the gospel this precious holy meal For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Communion Hymn -How Sweet and Awesome is the Place

How sweet and awesome is the place
with Christ within the doors,
while everlasting love displays
the choicest of her stores.

2. While all our hearts and all our songs
join to admire the feast,
each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

3. “Why was I made to hear your voice,
and enter while there’s room,
when thousands make a wretched choice,
and rather starve than come?”

4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast
that sweetly drew us in;
else we had still refused to taste,
and perished in our sin.
Tune- St. Columba

The Thanksgiving

Leader: *What shall we render to the Lord for all his bounty to us?*

People: ***We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord!*** Ps. 116:12,13

As they were eating he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them.

Thanks Prayer

“This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Breaking Distribution and Participation in the Loaf

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Cup

” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying,

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

.Drink this in remembrance that Christ’s Blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

Prayer

Hymn – Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O direct us and protect us
traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.
87 87 87 Sicilian Mariners
John Fawcett

Benediction-

Yahweh bless you and keep you.

Yahweh make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

Yahweh lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

Numbers 6: 24-26