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Prelude

Welcome

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come-

This Church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Hebrews 4:15-16

Minister: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us worship our God together.

Hymn of Praise

Immortal, Invisible

Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most blessed most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious thy great name we praise

Unresting unhasting and silent as light
Nor wanting nor wasting thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love

To all life thou givest to both great and small
In all life thou livest the true life of all
Thy wisdom so boundless thy mercy so free
Eternal thy goodness for
Naught changeth thee

Great Father of glory pure Father of light
Thine angels adore thee all veiling their sight
All praise we would render O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end
Amen Amen

Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A #1-3

Leader: What is the chief end of man?

People: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Leader: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

People: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Leader: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

People: The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be

O Light that follow'st all my way
I yield my flickering torch to thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

Call to Confession

Luke 15:17-19

Leader: But when [the younger son] came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'"

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Loving God, you have bestowed upon us rich and abundant blessings, the greatest of which is the full forgiveness of sins and the indwelling Holy Spirit. Yet, rather than rejoice in the Giver, we often spend your gifts selfishly. Our lives have become thin, without worship, without joy, without courage and without love. We have sought to build our identity on the things and people of this world—on approval, acceptance, talent, charisma, performance, intelligence, manipulation, wealth, and power. This is grasping at the wind. At the same time, God, we have too much believed the voices of criticism and thought the setbacks encountered render us without hope and without your favor. Forgive us Lord. Help us stop seeking to be for ourselves what only you can be for us. Renew us in the grace that abounds to the brokenhearted. Turn us away from all self-salvation strategies. Return us to your loving embrace. Remind us of the full salvation purchased by our sacrificing elder brother, the Lord Jesus Christ. Grant unto us the joy our salvation!

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Colossians 1:13-14

Leader: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Alas and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sov'reign die
Would he devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree
Amazing pity grace unknown
And love beyond degree

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in
When Christ the mighty Maker died
For man the creature's sin

continued

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While his dear cross appears
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt mine eyes in tears

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe
Here Lord I give myself away
'Tis all that I can do

Elder Prayer

Tithes And Offerings

Musical Offering

Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor

Christ the sure and steady anchor
In the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me
And my sails have all been torn

In the suffering in the sorrow
When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won

Deeper still then goes the anchor
Though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
Through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow O my soul now
Lift your eyes to Calvary

This my ballast of assurance
See his love forever proved
I will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
As we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory
And we draw our final breath

We will cross that great horizon
Clouds behind and life secured
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endured

Christ the shore of our salvation
Ever faithful ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

Prayer Of Dedication

Sermon

"Longing for God"

Psalm 63

Marcelo Jakubovic

Closing Song

My Faith Has Found A Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place
From guilt my soul is free
I trust the ever-living One
His wounds shall plead for me

Chorus

*I need no other argument
I need no other plea
It is enough that Jesus died
And that he died for me*

My heart is leaning on the Word
The written Word of God
Salvation by my Savior's name
Salvation through his blood

Chorus

Enough for me that Jesus saves
This ends my fear and doubt
A sinful soul I come to him
He'll never cast me out

Chorus

Benediction

Postlude

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