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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 Psalm 90:1-2

Minister: Lord, you have been our dwelling place

in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Let us worship our God together!

Hymn of Praise

I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer And his wondrous love to me On the cruel cross he suffered From the curse to set me free

Chorus

Sing O sing of my Redeemer With his blood he purchased me On the cross he sealed my pardon Paid the debt and made me free

I will tell the wondrous story How my lost estate to save In his boundless love and mercy He the ransom freely gave

Chorus

I will praise my dear Redeemer His triumphant power I'll tell How the victory he giveth Over sin and death and hell

Chorus

I will sing of my Redeemer And his heavenly love for me He from death to life hath bro't me Son of God with him to be

Chorus

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

The Apostles' Creed

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Jesus "descended into hell" as he suffered the pain and torment of divine wrath.
**The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic,
geographical, or language barriers.

Love Divine

Love divine all loves excelling
Joy of heav'n to earth come down
Fill us with thy humble dwelling
All thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus thou art all compassion
Pure unbounded love thou art
Visit us with thy salvation
Enter every trembling every trembling heart

Breathe O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into every 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 at liberty

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 in thy perfect love

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 in wonder love and praise

Call to Confession

Matthew 22:37-40

Minister: And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all

the Law and the Prophets."

Public Confession

Adapted from John Calvin's Form of Church Prayers, 1542

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All:

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we acknowledge before your holiness that we are poor sinners, born into guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil and unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. Have compassion on us, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grow us daily in the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of a life that is pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 5:8-9

Minister: 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.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

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

continued

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

Reception of New Members

Tithes And Offerings

Musical Offering

My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus I love thee I know thou art mine For thee all the follies of sin I resign My gracious Redeemer my Savior art thou If ever I loved thee my Jesus 'tis now

I love thee because thou hast first loved me And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree I love thee for wearing The thorns on thy brow If ever I loved thee my Jesus 'tis now

I'll love thee in life I will love thee in death
And praise thee as long as thou
Lendest me breath
And say when the death dew lies
Cold on my brow
If ever I loved thee my Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow
If ever I loved thee my Jesus 'tis now

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

"God Is Great"

Psalm 104
Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Whoever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on his hands
My name is written on his heart
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because a sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me
To look on him and pardon me

Behold him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
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Benediction

Postlude

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