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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

Selected verses from Psalm 33

Minister: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
he puts the deeps in storehouses.
Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.
Let us worship our Creator God together!

Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to thee
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy all the saints adore thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before thee
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy holy holy
Though the darkness hide thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only thou art holy there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r in love in purity

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty
All thy works shall praise thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy merciful and mighty
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

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

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.*

King Of Love

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever
And he is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And where the fertile pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

Chorus

*Never failing Ruler of my heart
Everlasting Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is*

Lost and foolish off I strayed
But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

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In death's dark veil I fear no ill
With thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

Chorus

*Never failing Ruler of my heart
Everlasting Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is*

Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah
Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah

Never failing Ruler of my heart
Everlasting Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is

Chorus

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing your praise
Within your house forever
Within your house forever

Call to Confession

Jeremiah 2:9, 11, 13

Leader: Therefore I still contend with you, declares the LORD, and with your children's children I will contend. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number. I have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I praise you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Subdue my corruptions and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lusts of the mind bring my spirit into subjection. No trial is so hard to bear as a sense of sin. If you should give me a choice to live in pleasure and keep my sins, or to have them burnt away with trial, give me sanctified affliction. Deliver me from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Then I shall bless you, God of my righteousness, for helping me to be upright. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 Peter 2:24

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes And Offerings

Musical Offering

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 Created the Heavens and the Earth”

Genesis 1:1-2

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

And 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 shouldst die for me

Chorus

*Amazing love how can it be
That thou my God shouldst die for me*

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

Chorus

continued

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

Chorus

*Amazing love how can it be
That thou my God shouldst die for me*

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 thro' Christ my own

Chorus

Benediction

Postlude

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