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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 Acts 4:12

Leader: And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name

under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Let us worship our triune God together!

Hymn of Praise

All Creatures Of Our God And King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise him O praise him
Alleluia alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
O praise him alleluia
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise him O praise him
Alleluia alleluia

And all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O sing ye alleluia
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear
Praise God and on him cast your care
O praise him O praise him
Alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship him in humbleness
O praise him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One
O praise him O praise him
Alleluia alleluia

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 Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

Leader: He leads me beside still waters.

People: He restores my soul.

Leader: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

Leader: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

Leader: My cup overflows.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my

life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Come, Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the Light of Life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In his living in his suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hellbound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in him we stand

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Come behold the wondrous myst'ry Christ the Lord upon the tree In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory See the price of our redemption See the Father's plan unfold Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry Slain by death the God of life But no grave could e'er restrain him Praise the Lord he is alive What a foretaste of deliv'rance How unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected As we will be when he comes

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Call to Confession Exodus 20:3; Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 45-47

Leader: What is the first commandment?

The first commandment is: You shall have no other gods People:

before me.

What is required in the first commandment? Leader:

People: The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge

God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

What is forbidden in the first commandment? Leader:

The first commandment forbids the denying, or not People:

> worshipping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other,

which is due to him alone.

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

Most merciful Father, we have sinned against and are guilty before

you. Forgive us the sins of our tongues:

All: For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others;

for resentment, impatience, partiality, gossip, slander, and

tempers out of control.

Leader: Forgive us for the sins of our eyes:

All: For impurity in our glances and imagination, for pining after more beauty, comfort, status, and wealth than you have

already given us.

Forgive us the sins of our hearts: Leader:

All: For hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbors; for pride,

self-absorption, self-pity and, above all, for rebelling against your lordship and doubting your love. Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride, and melt our hearts. Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, and pure; to live for you and not for

ourselves, being transformed into your likeness.

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Psalm 103:8, 10-12

Leader:

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

The Lord Almighty Reigns

There's an endless song Waiting to be sung With the voice of every tribe The sound of every tongue

When the bride of Christ On that day of days Brings with joy unto the Lamb A multitude of praise

Like the roar of mighty seas And rolls of thunder Hear his people sing

Chorus Hallelujah hallelujah For the Lord Almighty reigns Hallelujah hallelujah For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns

> We will join the feast Rest from battles won Tell with great rejoicing All the wonders God has done

And like the roar of mighty seas And rolls of thunder All the church will sing

Chorus

Certain of that day
Christ we will proclaim
Oh that more would share the prize
Salvation in his name

Then greater will the anthem ring A mighty chorus rising to the King

Chorus 2x

Elder 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

"Be Who You Are Called to Be: How our Identity in Christ Shapes our Character and Community"

> Colossians 3:1-17 Rev. Harrison Mungai

Closing Song

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

Benediction

Postlude

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