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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 68:32-35

Minister: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
sing praises to the Lord,
to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.
Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel,
and whose power is in the skies.
Awesome is God from his sanctuary;
the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength
to his people.
Blessed be God!
Let us our awesome God together!

Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

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

Heidelberg Catechism Q/A #1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

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

Call to Confession

Jeremiah 17:9-10

Minister: The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? I, the LORD, search the heart and test the mind.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty God, I am a sinner. Your Word and my heart confirm that to me. I have done things you have forbidden and left undone things you have commanded. I have not loved you with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. As judge of the whole earth, you would be just to condemn me. Yet in your love you sent Christ to bear the guilt of my sin and suffer my punishment. To him now I flee; forgive me for his sake, and by your Spirit help me to live in the light of his sacrifice, a life worthy of your name. Judge me not according to my work but according to your mercy in Jesus Christ. For in him I hope and in him I come before you this day. In his name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 Peter 1:18-19

Minister: Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver and gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without spot or without blemish.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 130, From The Depths Of Woe

From the depths of woe I raise to thee
The voice of lamentation
Lord turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication
If thou iniquities dost mark
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark
O who shall stand before thee
O who shall stand before thee

To wash away the crimson stain
Grace grace alone availeth
Our works alas are all in vain
In much the best life faileth
No man can glory in thy sight
All must alike confess thy might
And live alone by mercy
And live alone by mercy

Therefore my trust is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit
On him my soul shall rest
His Word upholds my fainting spirit
His promised mercy is my fort
My comfort and my sweet support
I wait for it with patience
I wait for it with patience

continued

What though I wait the live-long night
And till the dawn appeareth
My heart still trusteth in his might
It doubteth not nor feareth
Do thus O ye of Israel's seed
Ye of the Spirit born indeed
And wait till God appeareth
And wait till God appeareth

Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth
His helping love no limit knows
Our upmost need is soundeth
Our Shepherd good and true is he
Who will at last his Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow
From all their sin and sorrow
From all their sin and sorrow

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes And Offerings

Musical Offering

Worship Choir

Jerusalem My Happy Home

Jerusalem my happy home
When shall I come to thee
When shall my sorrows have an end
Thy joys when shall I see

Thy gardens and thy gallant walks
Continually are green
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs
As nowhere else are seen

There trees forevermore bear fruit
And evermore do spring
Evermore the angels dwell
And evermore do sing

O Christ do thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see thee and adore
With all the saints above

Jerusalem my happy home
Thy joys when shall I see

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 Alone"

Psalm 62

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

Grace Greater Than All My Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
There where the blood of the
Lamb was spilt

Chorus

*Grace grace God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace grace God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold
Threaten the soul with infinite loss
Grace that is greater yes grace untold
Points to the refuge the mighty cross

Chorus

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide
What can avail to wash it away
Look there is flowing a crimson tide
Whiter than snow you may be today

Chorus

Marvelous infinite matchless grace
Freely bestowed on all who believe
You that are longing to see his face
Will you this moment his grace receive

Chorus

Benediction

Postlude

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