

LORD | FAITH | BAPTISM

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Order of Worship

FEBRUARY 21, 2021 THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 124 & Isaiah 6

- Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- People: Who made heaven and earth.
- Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD God of hosts!

People: Heaven and earth are full of his glory!

* AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Ed Cash and Matt Maher

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Come and let your glory, come and let your glory fall. Our Father, who art in heaven, The rocks cry out your fame. Come and let your glory, come and let your glory fall.

I will sing, sing a new song. I will sing, sing a new song. I will sing, sing a new song to the Lord.

Chorus: Let your kingdom come, let your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Every heart proclaim the mercy of your name On earth as it is in heaven.

God, give us new every morning mercy as daily bread. In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus we pray. And lead us not to temptation, But deliver us with your hand. In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus we pray. I will sing, sing a new song. I will sing, sing a new song.

I will sing, sing a new song to the Lord. (Chorus)

For the kingdom is yours, and the power is yours, And the glory forever, amen. (4x) (Chorus 2x)

*** PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

- Leader: Who is Jesus and why did he come?
- People: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities all things were created through him and for him.
 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

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Colossians 1:15-20

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

*** IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE**

JOANNA, Traditional Welsh hymn, Walter Chalmers Smith

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.

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

9:00

Davis Lane Hays Covenant child of Rob and Michelle

10:30

Graeme Moore Covenant child of Steve and Alexandra

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

*** GRACE OF GOD WITH US**

Brett Younker, Ben Fielding, and Aodhan King

Wonderful and wise in counsel, forever, mighty God; Precious Father, everlasting, blessed Prince of Peace.

Chorus: Glory to God in the highest! Jesus our Savior, the grace of God with us.

The kings of earth rest on your shoulders; You rule on David's throne. Your kingdom here is now established, Christ our Lord of lords. *(Chorus)*

Born that we might know forgiveness, Born that we should live; With joy and hope and expectation our King will come again; Our King will come again. *(Chorus 2x)*

The grace of God with us; The grace of God with us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of all grace, we confess that we are sinners, but in Christ you have given us a Savior.

Produce in us a faith to live by him, to make him our desire, our hope, our glory.

Preserve us by his grace from this present evil world, so that its smiles never allure us, its frowns never terrify us, its vices never defile us, its errors never delude us.

Cause us to live as strangers and pilgrims in the cities of this earth, knowing that our true citizenship is in the city of heaven, so that all we do may be done to the Savior's glory; in whose name we pray. Amen.

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Jeremiah 9

Leader: This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

People: Thanks be to God for his steadfast love!

***** FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Christopher Miner and William W. How

For all the saints who from their labors rest, To thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Allelu...

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed. Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on his way. Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia! (2x)

*** THE PEACE OF GOD**

- Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- People: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON "A Prayer for the Church" ONE: Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to (and are in good standing with) a church that embraces the gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to partake. If you are not a Christian, please consider spending this time in prayer.

People:	It is right to give him thanks and praise.	
Minister:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
People:	We lift them up unto the Lord.	
Minister:	Lift up your hearts.	
People:	And also with you.	
Minister:	The Lord be with you.	

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister:	Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:	
All:	Christ has died.	
	Christ is risen.	
	Christ will come again.	
Minister:	O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.	
People:	Have mercy on us.	
Minister:	O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.	
People:	Have mercy on us.	
Minister:	O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.	
People:	Grant us your peace.	
Minister:	Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.	
People:	Therefore, let us keep the feast.	

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

* THY MERCY, MY GOD

Sandra McCracken and John Stocker

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy free grace alone from the first to the last Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here; Sin would reduce me to utter despair; But through thy free goodness my spirits revive And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart; Dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies thy goodness I own And the covenant love of thy crucified Son;

All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine. (Repeat)

*** BENEDICTION**

Minister:	Go in peace,	
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in the knowledge of God's power.

Go in confidence, in the knowledge of God's strength.

Go in joy, in the knowledge of God's love.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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