



ORDER OF WORSHIP

-- GOD GATHERS --

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Revelation 15:3-4

³ Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
King of the ages.

⁴ Who will not fear you, O Lord,
And bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy;
And all nations will come and worship you!

Hymn of Praise***We Come, O Christ, to You'***

(verse 1)

We come, O Christ, to you,
True Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist,
In whom all life began:
In you alone we live and move,
And have our being in your love.

(verse 2)

You are the Way to God,
Your blood our ransom paid;
In you we face our Judge
And Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand,
Your love has met your law's demand.

(verse 3)

You are the living Truth!
All wisdom dwells in you,
The Source of every skill,
The one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In you we rest,
Sure answer to our every quest.

(verse 4)

You only are true Life,
To know you is to live
The more abundant life
That earth can never give:
O risen Lord! We live in you:
In us each day your life renew!

Songs of Praise***Oh How Good It Is''***

(verse 1)

Oh, how good it is
When the fam'ly of God
Dwells together in spirit,
In faith and unity;
Where the bonds of peace,
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us.

(verse 2)

Oh, how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy,
And weep with those who mourn;
For the weak find strength,
The afflicted find grace,
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging.

(verse 3)

Oh, how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another,
Forgive as He forgives;
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son, with the Father,
And the Spirit.

(chorus)

*So, with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live out His word;
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come,
For He dwells in the presence of His people.*

Songs of Praise

Lord, You Hear the Cry (Lord, Have Mercy)ⁱⁱⁱ

(verse 1)

Lord, you hear the cry
Of the widow weeping.
Lord, you hear the cry
Of the child ill treated.
Lord, you hear the cry
Of the depressed one sinking.
Lord, have mercy on us;
Lord, have mercy on us.

(chorus)

*Break the heavens, Lord;
You said the poor are not forgotten.
Let your justice roar
In mighty waves across the earth.
Come and whisper peace,
O God of generous compassion.
Lord, have mercy on us;
Lord, have mercy on us.*

(verse 2)

Lord, you hear the sound
Of the proud ones laughing.
Lord, you hear the sound
Of the childless hoping.
Lord, you hear the sound
Of those in debt and struggling.
Lord, have mercy on us;
Lord, have mercy on us.

(verse 3)

Lord, you hear the sound
Of the addict craving.
Lord, you hear the sound
Of the greed of nations.
Lord, you hear the sound
Of the martyrs praying.
Lord, have mercy on us;
Lord, have mercy on us.

(verse 4)

Lord, we hear the sound
Of your kingdom coming;
Resurrection day for creation groaning.
Mercy I receive, pouring out in loving.
Lord, have mercy on us. (chorus)
Lord, have mercy on us.

-= GOD RENEWS =-

Prayer of Lament

O Lord, our hearts are heavy with the sufferings of our time. We mourn for those who have already died from the coronavirus and for their families and loved ones in their loss. We grieve over those who have already contracted the disease and for those who will. We pray that you will ease their suffering. To you we lift our outspread hands. Lord, have mercy.

[Silent prayers]

O Lord, our hearts are heavy with the sense of loss. We lament the loss of our worship together, the delight we share each week as we gather to sing, to fellowship, to gather around the Lord's Table together. We cannot imagine the toll that it will take on us over the next weeks and even months to be unable to gather for worship and our hearts are filled with grief. To you we lift our outspread hands. Lord, have mercy.

[Silent prayers]

O Lord, our hearts are overwhelmed with the fears and anxieties of lives disrupted. We lament the loss of jobs, the social isolation, the devastation to businesses built with so much sweat and heart, the long-term effects on the economy. To you we lift our outspread hands. Lord, have mercy.

[Silent prayers]

O Lord, we lift up to you all these concerns for they are too burdensome for us to bear and too weighty for us to carry. Hold them for us; and hold our hearts in your compassionate and merciful hands. Meet us in our sense of loss, calm our many fears, and still our gripping anxieties. You are our refuge and strength, our very present help in a time of trouble, and we find shelter in the shadow of your wings. Lord, we rest in you.

[Silent prayers]

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Mercy Psalm 145:13-14

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

[The Lord is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.]

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
From there He shall 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation I Lift My Eyes Up^{iv}

(verse 1)
I lift my eyes up, up to the mountains—
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from you,
Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.
(repeat)

(chorus)
Oh, how I need you, Lord!
You are my only hope,
You're my only prayer!
So I will wait for you
To come and rescue me,
To come and give me life.

(verse 2)
I lift my eyes up, up to the mountains—
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from you,
Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.
(chorus)

I lift my eyes up, up to the mountains—
Where does my help come from?

- = GOD FEEDS = -

Scripture Reading Revelation 6:1-17

¹ Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" ² And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer.

³ When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!"

⁴ And out came another horse, bright red. Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another, and he was given a great sword.

⁵ When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand."

⁶ And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine!"

⁷ When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!"

⁸ And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth.

⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne.

¹⁰ They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" ¹¹ Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

¹² When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, ¹³ and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. ¹⁴ The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, ¹⁷ for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

Sermon

I Pledge Allegiance...

Hymn

It Is Well With My Soul'

(verse 1)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to
say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

(chorus)

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul);
It is well, it is well with my soul.

(verse 2)

Though Satan should buffet,
Though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

(verse 3)

My sin—O, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(verse 4)

O Lord, haste the day
When the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend;
"Even so"—it is well with my soul.

-= GOD SENDS =-

Charge & Benediction

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