

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Christ the King Presbyterian Church

March 9, 2011

*Christian Year: Ash Wednesday*

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### Preparation for Worship

We must understand that as long as Christ remains outside of us, and we are separated from him, all that he has suffered and done for the salvation of the human race remains useless and of no value for us. Therefore, to share with us what he has received from the Father, he had to become ours and to dwell within us.

*John Calvin*

The deepest motive for holy living, for good works, is not our psychology; not how I feel about Jesus or God today; it's not our gratitude even ultimately; it's not even our faith. The deepest motive for holy living is the resurrecting good work that God has begun in us and continues to maintain by his Spirit.

*Richard Gaffin*

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**\*Call to Worship**      *from Psalms 42, 124*      The Rev. P. Clay Holland

Minister: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

Minister: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

**People: Hope in God; for we shall praise him, our help and our God.**

### \*Opening Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy**  
*Hymn No. 100*

*NICAEA*

### Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:6-12      Cindy and John Synnott

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? <sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, <sup>10</sup>if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. <sup>11</sup>And the

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\*Congregation stands

‡Congregation kneels (if able)

Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. <sup>12</sup>And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Be Merciful to Me*

*Baker/Goodgame*

Out from the deep I call  
To thee, O Lord, to thee.  
Before thy throne I fall,  
Be merciful to me.

Out of the deep of fear  
And dread of coming shame;  
All night till morn is near  
I plead the precious Name.  
(Chorus)

*Chorus:*

Be merciful to me;  
Be merciful to me.  
Through shadow dark and  
valley deep,  
Be merciful to me.

From the garden to the cross  
Thy mercy did endure.  
My soul purged of all dross,  
In blood made pure. (Chorus)

‡ **Silent Confession**

‡ **Litany of Confession**

**Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole community of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy and impatience in our lives, our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**We confess to you, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

**Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*Kyrie*

*Merkel*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on me.

**\*Words of Assurance**

*Romans 8:1-2*

Minister: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**People: For through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.**

**\*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners**

*HYFRYDOL*

*Hymn No. 498 (Stanzas 1-3, 5)*

**\*The Peace of God**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*At this time, please greet one another warmly in the peace of Christ.*

***O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus***

*EBENEZER*

*Hymn No. 535*

**The Sermon**

**“This Present Resurrection Life”**

**Blake Arnoult**

*Colossians 3:1-4*

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

## 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 come forward. If you are not a Christian, we invite you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers printed below.*

*Children who have not received their first communion should come forward with their hands folded and the wine server will pray for them.*

*The Imposition of Ashes: If you would like to receive ashes placed on your forehead in the sign of a cross this morning, please proceed to the designated station after receiving communion. From the eighth century onward, many Christians have entered into the season of Lent with this visible reminder of their need for repentance. While the ashes remind us of our sinfulness and need for repentance, their cross shape reminds us of the good news that through the work of Christ on the cross there is forgiveness for all our sins. The imposition of ashes, like similar external practices, is meaningless, even hypocritical, unless there is a corresponding inner repentance and change of heart.*

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

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**  
Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
**People: Have mercy upon us!**  
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Minister: O Lamb of God, that 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.**  
Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

*Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward.  
We would be happy to serve you at your seat.*

*If you would like gluten-free communion bread, please request it from your server.  
We serve wine during communion. If you prefer grape juice, please request it when served.*

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### Communion Prayers

#### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

#### Prayer of Belief

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.*

#### Prayer of Humble Access

*I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live in him and he in me. Amen.*

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Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on thee is stayed, help from thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head, with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am, thou full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;  
Spring thou up within my heart, to all eternity.

**O Great God**

*Kauflin*

O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy Word.  
You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice,  
Did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me  
Through the gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heaven, glorify your name through me.

**\*Concluding Prayer**

God of compassion, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you reconciled  
your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and  
fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another  
in holy love through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: May God the Father, who does not despise the broken  
spirit, give you a contrite heart.  
May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
heal you by his wounds.  
May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to  
you words of pardon and peace.

People: **Amen.**

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*Serving in Worship today: Cindy Cook, organ; Michelle Hays, violin; Mark Miller, piano; Eric Priest, guitar.  
Betty Liang and Eric Priest, vocalists.  
Kevin Wells, worship assistant.*

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