

Order of Worship

Christ the King Presbyterian Church

January 2, 2011

Christian Year: The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

Preparation for Worship

Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? *Galatians 3:3*

"Earn this." *Captain John H. Miller, Saving Private Ryan*

Most Christians establish for themselves their justification on the basis of their sanctification. *Richard Lovelace*

*Call to Worship *from Psalm 148:1-2, 13-14* The Rev. Jared Huffman

Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Minister: Let all praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

People: He has raised up for his people a place of strength, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD!

**And Can it Be That I Should Gain* *SAGINA* *Hymn No. 455 (Stanzas 1, 3-5)*

*Prayer of Adoration

Glory be to God on high, and on earth, peace, good will towards men. We praise you; we bless you; we worship you; we glorify you. We give thanks to you for your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: You who take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. You who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You who sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith *Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1*

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

People: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor*
Hymn No. 230

QUELLE EST

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

Eric Priest

Here I Am to Worship

Hughes

Light of the World, you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
Hope of a life spent with you.

Refrain:

Here I am to worship.

Here I am to bow down.

Here I am to say that you're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,

Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created –
All for love's sake became poor. (*Refrain*)

‡ **Prayer of Confession**

Lord, forgive us for how casually we approach repentance. We sometimes assume that our sins are not a big deal, yet they are such a big deal that you sent Christ, our Savior, to die for them in our place.

Give us repentant hearts so that we might see our sin and, seeing our sin, open our eyes even more to the grace that you have lavished upon us! Let us rejoice in freedom and delight in you. This we pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

1 John 3:1

Minister: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

***In Christ Alone**

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In Christ alone - my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone – who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid: here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
 Light of the world by darkness slain:
 Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
 And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
 For I am his and he is mine –
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
 No power of hell, no scheme of man,
 Can ever pluck me from his hand;
 Till he returns or calls me home,
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

***The Peace of God**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 People: **And also with you.**

*In the 9:30 service, children (four years old – 2nd grade) are dismissed for Children's Worship.
 Parents and guardians, please escort departing children into the Gathering Hall.*

Announcements

The Offering

Grace that Is Greater than All Our Sin

Johnston/Towner

Mar - velous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex - ceeds our
 sin and our guilt, yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out -poured,
 there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. *Grace, grace,*
God's grace, grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in;
grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is great er 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.

Refrain:

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.

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. *(Refrain)*

Scripture Reading

Judy Liu

Galatians 2:20-3:3
Page 973 in the black Bibles

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon "When Change Is Bad" Jared Huffman

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.

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: 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.*

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.

The Power of the Cross

Townend & Getty

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten,
Then nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus:

This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath — we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning your bloodstained brow. (*Chorus*)

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
Quakes as its maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry. (*Chorus*)

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
Won through your selfless love.

Final Chorus:

This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

Amazing Grace!

AMAZING GRACE

Hymn No. 460 (Stanzas 1-2, 5-6)

***Concluding Prayer**

Dear Father, thank you for graciously accepting us as your children through your Son Jesus Christ. As you have now fed us with the spiritual food of his body and blood, may you now send us into the world in peace, granting us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***The Benediction**

Minister: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Serving in Worship today: Mark Austin, trumpet; Steve Begnoche, drums; Dave Bennett, guitar; Cindy Cook, organ; Dominika Dancewicz, violin; Eric Priest, horn; Amy Wiggs, flute; Steven Wiggs, cello; Jenny Yang, piano. Jennifer and Ryan Whitley, vocalists.
Sidney Kennard (9:30) and Wes Hinton (11:00), worship assistants.*

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