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God initiates the dialogue by calling us through his Word.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

PSALM 8:1-4

LEADER O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

ALL You have set your glory above the heavens.

LEADER Out of the mouth of babies and infants,

you have established strength because of your foes,

to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

We respond to God's gracious initiative through corporate prayer and songs of adoration.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION*

PSALM 51:7-12

ALL Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;

let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins,

and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

SONGS OF APPROACH*

HE IS EXALTED

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord Forever His truth shall reign Heaven and earth Rejoice in His holy name He is exalted The King is exalted on high

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10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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As the Lord, Jesus reveals his will for those that belong to his Kingdom. In turn, we recognize our sin and respond with confession.

READING OF THE LAW*

ROMANS 10:14-21

LEADER

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me: I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me." But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people."

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM 88

LEADER What are the ordinary, external ways Christ uses to bring us the benefits of redemption?

The ordinary, external ways Christ uses to bring us the benefits of redemption are His regulations, particularly the word, sacraments, and prayer, all of which are made effective for the salvation of His chosen ones.

We pray with full confidence that our holy God is merciful to sinners because of Jesus Christ.

CORPORATE AND SILENT CONFESSION

ADAPTED FROM "CHRIST THE WORD" IN THE VALLEY OF VISION

ALL

My Father, in a world of created changeable things, Christ and his Word alone remain unshaken. When I sin against you I cross your will, love, life, and have no comforter, no creature, to go to. My sin is not so much this or that particular evil, but my continual separation, disunion, distance from you, and having a loose spirit towards you. But you have given me a present, Jesus your Son, as Mediator between yourself and my soul, for only he can span the chasm breached by sin, and satisfy divine justice. Let me know that he is dear to me by his Word; I am one with him by the Word on his part, and by faith on mine; if I oppose the Word I oppose my Lord when he is most near; if I receive the Word I receive my Lord where he is near. Form my heart according to the Word, according to the image of your Son, so shall Christ the Word, and his Word, be my strength and comfort. Amen.

We believe that on the cross all our sins--past, present, and future--have been paid for.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

ADAPTED FROM COLOSSIANS 2:13-15

LEADER

You, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Christ, having forgiven us of all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Having received mercy in Christ Jesus, we give thanks to God.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING*

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow

There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not

Thy compassions they fail not

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be Summer and winter

And springtime and harvest

Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness

Mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning New mercies I see All I have needed

Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness

Lord unto me

Pardon for sin

And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today

And bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine

With ten thousand beside

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We embrace our new family in Christ with the peace Jesus has accomplished by his death-andresurrection.

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

LEADER Because God has forgiven us of all our trespasses, we are

alive with Christ. May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL And also with you!

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MY WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN

My worth is not in what I own Not in the strength of flesh and bone But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name In win or lose in pride or shame But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer Greatest treasure wellspring of my soul I will trust in Him no other My soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die Fame youth and beauty hurry by But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might Or human wisdom's fleeting light But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Two wonders here that I confess My worth and my unworthiness My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

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ELDER PRAYER

Because the Bible is God's inspired, infallible, and authoritative word, we incline our hearts to hear the reading of Scripture and the proclamation of the gospel with a resolve to obey our risen King.

SCRIPTURE READING*

ECCLESIASTES 1:1-11

SERMON

NOTHING MATTERS - EVERYTHING MATTERS, PART 2

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament instituted by God and to be shared only by baptized believers who are members in good standing of a local church.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Having received instruction and blessing, we commit to proclaim the hope of eternal life and pursue philanthropy.

SONG OF FAITH*

YOU ALONE CAN RESCUE

Who O Lord could save themselves their own soul could heal Our shame was deeper than the sea Your grace is deeper still

And You alone can rescue You alone can save You alone can lift us from the grave You came down to find us led us out of death To You alone belongs the highest praise

You O Lord have made a way the great divide You healed For when our hearts were far away Your love went further still Yes Your love goes further still

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We give glory to God who is the source of every blessing.

DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heav'nly host Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

Finally, as God initiated the dialogue of worship, so now he concludes our time together by sending us out with a word of blessing so that we might be a blessing to all.

BENEDICTION*

ADAPTED FROM ISAIAH 30:18

LEADER The Lord waits to be gracious to you,

and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.

For the Lord is a God of justice;

blessed are all those who wait for him.

ALL Amen. Thanks be to God!