

# Order for the Celebration & Worship of God

February 26, 2012

Christian Year: First Sunday in Lent

Lent trains us to be a people of patience and restraint, a people who rejoice in a God who made time and gives us time and makes us wait for the treasures he gives. Lent trains us to follow the Master who kept the fast. We must learn the lessons of Lent and the fast if we are going to be the people of the new Adam and not just another variation of the old.

~Peter Leithart

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE — *Christ the King Worship Ensemble*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 145

*\*Please repeat the portion in bold with volume and passion!*

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

**Response: We will extol You, our God and King and bless Your name forever and ever!**

Leader: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You!

**Response: Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever!**

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Please stand and sing together: **We Fall Down**

We fall down, we lay our crowns  
At the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of his mercy and love  
At the feet of Jesus

*And we cry holy holy holy  
And we cry holy holy holy  
And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb*

Our hunger filled, our thirst is quenched  
At the feet of Jesus  
Our glorious King, to You we sing  
At the feet of Jesus

= *chorus 2x* =

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Followed by praying **together from Psalm 16:7-11***

*I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Amen!*

**\*PLEASE GIVE YOUR ATTENTION TO THE READING OF GOD’S WORD!**

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Reader: The Word of our Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### Grace Like Rain

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost but now I'm found; was blind but now I see!

**Hallelujah! Grace like rain falls down on me!  
Hallelujah! All my stains are washed away! They're washed away!**

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

= **Refrain** =

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun;  
We've no less days to sing Your praise, Than when we'd first begun

= **Refrain 2x** =

= *Please be seated* =

### Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,  
And wonder at such mercy, That calls me as I am;  
For hands that should discard me, Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."  
Beneath the cross of Jesus, My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own!  
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, Now one through grace alone.  
How could I now dishonor, The ones that You have loved?  
Beneath the cross of Jesus; See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, The path before the crown,  
We follow in His footsteps, Where promised hope is found.  
How great the joy before us, To be His perfect bride!  
Beneath the cross of Jesus, We will gladly live our lives!

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and OFFERTORY

THE SERMON — Rev. David Linden

### The Lord’s Table—Holy Communion

*This is a joyous opportunity for all to seek the Lord Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is an occasion for all baptized Christians to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by him, and celebrate who he is and what he has done for us. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are striving to be at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully, are welcome. If you are not a Christian, or choose not to share in this meal, we invite you to spend this time in prayer, considering your relationship to Jesus Christ.*

If your heart’s desire is to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior, there is a prayer **at the bottom of the next page** that can help guide you. If you pray this prayer, please speak to the pastor or elders after the service.

### CONFESSION OF SIN IN UNISON:

***Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; 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. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.*** (Psalm 51:1-12, ESV)

= **Take a moment to privately and silently confess to God any particular sin** =

### Calvary’s Anthem to the tune of Appalachian Song

O, Heav’nly Father, by your will,  
My heart is led to Calvry’s hill,  
To fling my burdens on Your Love,  
And see them vanish in his blood.

Mountains of guilt he levels down;  
Though faults arise, mercies abound.  
He cancels sins with bloodstained hand,  
Though they be more than grains of sand.

Teach me the power of the blood,  
Stains to remove by crimson flood.  
You lead me by its hillside stream,  
That flows so pure and washes clean.

The Lamb’s blood flows a river wide,  
From wounds for sin that pierce his side;  
Oceans of grace come rushing down,  
And endless waves of mercy sound.

### PRAYER OF THANKS followed by THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night of His betrayal, as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

Minister: The Lord be with you!

**People: And with your spirit!**

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.

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

***Please come forward for Communion with joy and thanksgiving!***

*Please eat the bread when you receive it; take the cup to your seat and spend a moment in silent prayer and contemplation, then drink with joy and gladness!*

*\*If you are unable to come forward, please let us know and we will serve you at your seat.*

***Wine is served for communion in the inner rings. The outer ring contains grape juice***

Please stand and sing together: **Calvary’s Anthem**

In valleys dark with earthly pain,  
Where shadows fall ‘neath mounts of shame;  
O fix my eyes on light above,  
Where angels sing of Jesus’ blood.

CONCLUDING PRAYER and BENEDICTION — Minister

POSTLUDE — *Christ the King Worship Ensemble*

Sermon Notes

## Service Schedule for Worship and Sunday School

**SUNDAY WORSHIP (nursery provided) \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 AM**

*\*The Sacrament of Holy Communion is served each week and open to those who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation.*

*Taste and see that the Lord is good. His mercy endures forever!*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ 11:15 AM**

**Ages 4-7**

Jesus is God  
rotating teachers

**Ages 8-10**

God's Growing Church  
Teacher: Wil McCauley

**Ages 11-13**

Philippians  
rotating teachers

**Ages 14-18**

The History of Redemption  
Teacher: Chuck Isaac

**Adults**

Introductory Essay to *The Death of Death in the Death of Christ*  
Teacher: Gary Anaya & Hugo Porras

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*All good which could be thought or desired is to be found in Jesus Christ alone. For He was humbled to exalt us, He became a slave to free us, He became poor to enrich us. He was sold to redeem us, made captive for our deliverance, condemned for our absolution; He was made a curse for our blessing, an offering for sin for our righteousness, He was marred that we might be restored, He died for our life. So that by Him harshness is softened, anger appeased, darkness made light, injustice justified, weakness made strong, dejection consoled, sin prevented, scorn despised, fear made sure, debt canceled, toil made light, sadness rejoiced, misfortune made blessed, difficulty eased, disorder ordered, division united, ignominy made noble, rebellion quelled, threats threatened, ambushes uncovered, assaults assailed, effort weakened, combat combated, war warred against, vengeance avenged, torment tormented, damnation damned, ruin ruined, hell held prisoner, death done to death and immortality made immortal.*

—**John Calvin**

Preface to the French Bible, 1539

**= Prayer of faith to place your trust in Jesus Christ =**

*Lord Jesus, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit. I also understand that you love and accept me more than I ever dared to hope. Thank you for dying in my place on the Cross, bearing the punishment for my misdeeds, paying the debt for all my sins and offering me complete forgiveness. I turn away from my past life of self-centeredness and now confess you are my Lord, my God and my Savior. I believe you have been raised from the dead and humbly ask you fill me with your blessed Holy Spirit so I may begin my new life with you. Amen.*

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*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the strong Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*