



The life of the church mirrors the gospel pattern in the life of a disciple.

*This is demonstrated in our **order of worship** (the bulletin you are holding): Opening moments offer recognition of the greatness and goodness of God that naturally folds into confession, assurance of pardon, songs of thanksgiving, instruction, and a charge to serve God in response to His grace in Christ.*



Since He has gone into heaven for us, we need not fear to be in this world. It is true that our misery is great and our condition pitiable, but at that we should not be astonished, nor should we confine our attention to ourselves. Thus, we look to Jesus and say, "Although I am weak, Jesus is powerful enough to make me stand upright. Although I am feeble, Jesus is my strength. Although I am full of misery, Jesus Christ is in immortal glory and what He has will some day be given to me with all His benefits. Yes, the devil is called the prince of this world, but what of it? Jesus Christ holds him in check, for He is King of heaven and earth. There are demons who make war against us, but what of it? Jesus Christ rules above us, having entire control of the battle. Thus we need not doubt that He gives us the victory. Here, I am subject to many changes, which may cause me to lose courage, but what of it? The Son of God is my head, and is exempt from all change. I must then take confidence in Him." This is how we must look to His ascension, applying the benefits to ourselves.

John Calvin, *The Deity of Christ and Other Sermons*

Order of Worship

*April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship



*We believe everyone **worships** something and that we will inevitably imitate and serve what we worship.*



All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
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Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Blessed Lord Jesus, before Your cross I kneel and see the heinousness of my sin, my iniquity that caused You to be made a curse, the evil in me that brings the severity of divine wrath. Let me see in Your crown of thorns, in Your pierced hands and feet and bruised body, in Your dying cries, the enormity of my guilt. Infinite must be the guilt that demands such a price. Yet in seeing, let me also see the magnitude of Your salvation, for Your blood is the blood of incarnate God, its worth infinite, its value beyond all thought. Father, let me see the grace that removes my burdens and heaps them on Your Son, made a transgressor, a curse, and sin for me. At the cross Your infinite justice was magnified, and infinite atonement was made; there infinite punishment was due, and infinite punishment endured. Christ was cast off so that I might be brought in, stripped that I might be clothed, wounded that I might be healed, tormented that I might



*The **gospel moment** is a time we use to remind people of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

By His obedience we are justified, and by His death we are reconciled to God. As we apprehend this we are ready to confess our sin.



*Since we understand that we are redeemed sinners, we agree with God about our sin to the end that we might be confirmed in the forgiveness and absolution we have in Christ. This pattern of **confession** makes way for affirmation and confirmation of God's covenant promise that He assures every believer of pardon for the sake of Christ's obedience and substitution.*





For assurance of pardon, the man who has faith is the man who is no longer looking at himself and no longer looking to himself. He looks entirely to the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work, and rests on that alone". –Martyn Lloyd-Jones



be comforted, and made a shame that I might inherit glory. O Father, who spared not Your only Son so that You might spare me, all this You have purposed from eternity and brought to fulfillment in the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Give me eyes to see all that You have accomplished—Satan baffled, defeated, and destroyed, sin buried in the ocean of His reconciling blood, hell's gates closed, and heaven opened. Help me to adore You with my lips and life. And now, knowing all that You have accomplished, bind me forever in love to Jesus, who died and rose for me. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace--how sweet the sound--that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found--was blind, but now I see.

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

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

Blessing, Honor and Glory

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold Him down, for He is risen!
Seated upon the Throne, He is the Lamb of God!

(repeat)

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb of God.

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.



Now that we
have
reenacted
the story of
the gospel
as a church
community.

We now
**experience
the renewal**
merited for
us by Jesus
Christ. We
express this
renewal in
our singing
praises to
Jesus for
His great
mercy
towards us.



Pastoral Prayer



*Jesus, our shepherd,
prays with us and for us. We pray the pastoral prayer expecting the Holy Spirit to minister Jesus' benefits to us as He prays for us.*



Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirit revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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*(children
4-6 years
are
dismissed to
Children's Church
at this
time)*



Receiving of Tithes and Offerings



Receiving of tithes and offerings is not an "add on" to the service. It is part of worship. We demonstrate our trust in God's present provision and hope in our future with Him by supporting the spread of the Gospel.



Song of Response

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.



The Benediction is a pronouncement of God's favor upon His assembled people.



Benediction

