



*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.*



First sermons or new preaching situations are often memorable experiences. Spurgeon’s Preacher’s College had a tradition of giving students a text right on the spot and having them preach it to Mr. Spurgeon and the staff. On one particular day a student was given the subject of Zacchaeus. The student stood before them and said, “Zacchaeus was of little stature; so am I. Zacchaeus was up a tree; so am I. Zacchaeus came down; so will I”. And he sat down. Smart man! He probably had a great career. Peter’s first sermon was probably his best. It is perhaps, aside from our Lord’s sermons, the greatest ever preached. Greatest because of the place it occupies in the history of redemption (it is the inaugural sermon of the age of grace), greatest by its pure results (there were three thousand converts), and greatest by virtue of it being a model for apostolic preaching.

R. Kent Hughes, *Acts: The Church Afire*

Order of Worship

May 10, 2020

Mother’s Day

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.*



Praise Adonai

Who is like Him? The Lion and the Lamb, seated on the throne;
Mountains bow down, every ocean roars to the Lord of Hosts.

Chorus: Praise Adonai, from the rising of the sun

'Til the end of every day;

Praise Adonai, all the nations of the earth,

All the angels and the saints sing praise.

(repeat all/repeat chorus)

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of ourselves to do any good, who, by reason of our depravity, transgress without end Your holy commandments. Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves, by Your just sentence, condemnation and death. But, O Lord! With heartfelt sorrow, we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence, beseeching that Your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased to have compassion on us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that acknowledging from our inmost heart our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance, and that Your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



*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.*



Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!



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



There Is a Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day:
And there may I, as vile as he,
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die.

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

Only Your Mercy

Only Your mercy, only Your grace
Only Your Spirit brings us to faith;
O what a wonder that You chose us first
Not by our merit, but Your perfect work.

Only Your goodness, only Your love,
Only Your pardon poured out in blood;
Your righteousness exchanged for our sin,
O what a Savior, O what a friend!

Chorus: Jesus, we long to worship You,
And give You all glory and praise;
All that You are, all that You have,
We have received by faith.

(repeat verse 2/repeat chorus twice)

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow—be washed away
In the waves of His mercy *as deep cries out to deep.

Chorus: We sing come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

(repeat all)
*(*repeat at asterisk into chorus)*



Now that
we have
reenacted
the story
of the
gospel as
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Jesus for
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us.





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.



Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
And from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess,
The wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss;
*My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

*(*repeat at asterisk)*



(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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine.



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



Benediction

