



Morning Worship Service

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Thank you for joining us this morning. Please be sure to get your name tag at the welcome table. There are blank name tags to fill out for guests. If you have any questions about Two Cities Church or the worship service, please ask one of our greeters or worship leaders.

A nursery is available for children ages 0-4. It is in the room just to the left of the welcome table where you received your worship program. Older children are encouraged to stay throughout the service. A Kids' worship program is available at the welcome table to help them participate more meaningfully. Please don't worry if your kids are a bit wiggly or make a little noise. It won't bother us. However, if you feel your child needs a "break" at any point during the service, feel free to take them to the back of the room or to the hallway. We do ask that a parent be with children outside of the nursery at all times.

After the service, please stay to visit with friends and meet someone new.

Prelude

When the music begins, please take a seat and quietly prepare for worship.

Welcome

Please take a moment to fill out the welcome card in your worship program to let us know you were here. Place the card in the offering plate later in the service.

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Opening Prayer

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory
for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17*

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

JOANNA (or ST. DENIO) 11.11.11.11.
Traditional Welsh hymn melody

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Come, Thou Almighty King

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor. 13:14

F F
Gm F C F
C F
C⁷ F C⁷

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

F
C
C F C⁷ F
C F C⁷

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

F
F
Gm F C⁷ F⁷

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Anon., ca. 1757

TRINITY 6.6.4.6.6.6.4.
Felice de Giardini, 1769

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort and Assurance

Leader: Hear the Good News of God's Forgiveness. . .

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:1-2).

All: Thanks be to God!

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Words and Music by
Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior,
2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er,
3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther,

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pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend;
Spir - it we long to em - brace;
faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your own;

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Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the
You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly
Here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be -

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souls of men? Oh, You res - cue the souls of men.
lost the way, Oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way.
fore Your throne, Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne.

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You are the One that we praise, You are the One we a -

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dore. You give the heal - ing and grace our

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hearts al - ways hun - ger for, Oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger

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for. for.

Before the Throne

Before the Throne, LMD

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1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea, a great High
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me of my guilt with - in, up-ward I
3. Be - hold him there the ris-en Lamb, my per-fect spot - less right-eous - ness, the great un-
Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is grav-en on his
look and see him there, who made an end of all my sin. Be-cause the sin-less Sav-ior
change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glo - ry and of Grace. One with him - self I can-not
hands; my name is writ - ten on his heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can
died, my sin-ful soul is count-ed free, for God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on
die, my soul is pur-chased by his blood, my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my
bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
him and par-don me, to look on him and par-don me.
Sav-ior and my God, with Christ my Sav-ior and my God.

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft

Tune: Vikki Cook; arr by Andrew Gordon, 1969-

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Prayers for the Church and World

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:1-4

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Preaching of God's Word

Rev. Adam L. Brice

Humility and Greatness

Silent Reflection and Prayer

What one or two new insights have you gained from today's message?

What is one specific action you can take in light of today's message?

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Samuel ... named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the LORD helped us." 1 Sam. 7:12

Γ D A⁷ D A Γ D G D A⁷ D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A⁷ D G D A⁷ D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

A⁷ D A Γ D G D A⁷ D Γ

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Robert Robinson, 1758

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
 Asahel Nettleton. 1825

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(n.b. the word "catholic" means "universal" and the word "quick" means "living")

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Instructions

The Lord's Supper is the family meal of Christians. We invite all who are followers of Jesus Christ and baptized members of his church to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus Christ, or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers below.

We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church. We use wine in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Grape juice is also available in the cups at the center of each tray.

A Prayer for Those Searching

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 lead me to 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 that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

A Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

A Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

Don't forget to fill out the welcome card and place it in the offering plate.

Benediction

Based on 2 Corinthians 13:14

“Now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, both now and forevermore. Amen.”

Closing Song

Psalm 96

(Sung to the tune of “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”)

**O Sing a new song to the LORD;
All earth sing to the LORD.
Sing to the LORD, and bless his name;
“He saves!” each day proclaim.
His glory to all nations show;
His deeds let peoples know.**

**The LORD is great. How great his praise!
Above all gods he’s feared.
For other gods are idols vain;
The LORD the heavens made.
Before him honor, majesty,
And strength and splendor be!**

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