



PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Epiphany

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God, and God alone, is man's highest good. In a general sense we can say that God is the highest good of all His creatures. For God is the Creator and sustainer of all things, the source of all being and of all life, and the abundant fountain of all goods. All creatures owe their existence from moment to moment solely to Him who is the one, eternal, and omnipresent Being. —Herman Bavinck

The God of the Bible is not simply interested in being recognized as a strong and mighty deity. That would not have been a controversial claim in the ancient world. Lots of peoples had lots of impressive gods and goddesses. What was controversial, and what set the Israelites apart from the other nations, was that their God demanded to be worshipped alone, as the only God, to the exclusion of all others. —Kevin DeYoung

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—Isaiah 45:22

Thus says the Lord, "Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other."

Sung Response—Come, Christians, Join To Sing, Vs. 1

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice; Praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish melody,
arr. David Evans, 1927.

Call to Worship—Psalm 105:1-4, 7-8, 45

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

All: **Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!**

Reader 1: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Reader 2: Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!

All: **He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.**

Pastor: He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations. Praise the Lord!

Congregational Psalm—All People That On Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)



All peo - ple that on Earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice;
The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with - out our aid He did us make;
O en - ter then His gates with praise, ap - proach with joy His courts un - to;
For why? the Lord our God is good, His mer - cy is for ev - er sure;

Him serve with fear, His praise forth - tell come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
We are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.
Praise, laud, and bless His name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
His truth at all times firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Text: William Kethe, 1561; Music: OLD 100TH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the church's songbook.

Congregational Psalm—In Judah The Almighty's Known (Psalm 76)



In Ju - dah the Al - migh - ty's known, (Al - migh - ty there by_ won - ders shown,)
Those val - iant chiefs that came for spoil, them - selves met there a_ shame - ful foil;
From heav'n on high earth heard its doom; it stilled with fear, when You did come



His name is great in Is - ra - el; His house of prayer in_ Sa - lem stands;
Se - cure - ly down to sleep, they lay: they wake no more; their stout - est band
To save the hum - ble and the poor: The wrath of man shall yield You praise;



The maj - es - ty that heav'n com - mands in Zi - on con - de - scends to dwell.
Could not lift a re - sis - ting hand a - gainst the Lord up - on that day.
their last at - tempts but serve to raise the tri - umphs of our migh - ty Lord.



He broke the flash - ing ar - rows there, des - troyed their weap - ons, sword and spear,
When Ja - cob's God be - gan to frown, the horse and ri - ders o - ver - thrown
Vow to the Lord, you na - tions; bring your gifts to the e - te - rnal King.;



For slain the migh - ty ar - my lay; then Zi - on's fame on earth is spread,
To - ge - ther slept in end - less night. When You, whom earth and heav - en fear,
To Him due rev - 'rence you shall pay: the proud - est kings that here do dwell;



Of grea - ter glo - ry, _ grea - ter dread, than hills where li - ons take their prey.
Do once with wrath - ful_ look ap - pear, can mor - tals stand with - in Your sight?
And earth - ly ru - lers_ ter - ri - ble, will fear the Lord up - on His day.

Text: *A New Version of the Psalms of David*, 1696, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021;
Music: RODERICK, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

Scripture Reading—Psalm 119:89-96

Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You have established the earth, and it stands fast. By Your appointment they stand this day, for all things are Your servants. If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life. I am Yours; save me, for I have sought Your precepts. The wicked lie in wait to destroy me, but I consider Your testimonies. I have seen a limit to all perfection, but Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Psalm—Holy God, We Praise Your Name



Ho - ly God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, — we bow be - fore You!
Hark! the loud ce - lest - ial hymn An - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing,
Lo! the a - po - sto - lic train Join the sac - red name to hal - low;
Ho - ly Fath - er, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, three we name You;



All on Earth Your scep - ter claim. All in Heav'n a - bove a - dore You:
Cher - u - bim — and ser - a - phim, In un - ceas - ing chor - us prais - ing;
Pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, And the white — robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
While in es - sence onl - y One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You;



In - fi - nite — Your vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is — Your reign.
Fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord.
And from morn — to set of sun, Through the church the song goes on.
And a - dor - ing bend the knee, While we sing — this my - ster - y.

Text: based on *Te Deum*, 4th century, attr. Ignace Franz, 1774;
Music: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774.

Reading of the Word—from Exodus 20:1-4, 7-8, 12-17

God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image... You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain... Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy... Honor your father and your mother... You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet...”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds, Vs. 4

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

Now shall we learn in God a - lone our hope se - cure - ly stands,
That we may ne'er for - get His works, but prac - tice His com - mands.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 78:7, Isaac Watts, 1719;
Music: DUNDEE, *Scottish Psalter*, 1615.

Sermon—*The Only True God*

— Assistant Pastor, Brian Phillips

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—based on Isaiah 55:8; Exodus 20:1-17

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We acknowledge that our thoughts are not Your thoughts, neither are our ways Your ways. You spoke all these words, saying, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

All: “You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”

Pastor: Your law pierces our heart. Lord, have mercy.

All: “Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal.”

Pastor: Your law pierces our heart and drives us to Christ. Lord, have mercy.

All: **“You shall not bear false witness. You shall not covet.”**

Pastor: Your law pierces our heart and drives us to Christ. Lord, have mercy upon us, for we are foolish, poor, and rebellious sinners in need of Your grace, Your favor, and Your love.

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

Sung Response—Kyrrie

WOMEN

Lord have mer - cy — Christ have mer - cy —

MEN

Lord have mer - cy — Christ have mer - cy —

— Lord have mer - cy — Up - on us.

Lord have mer - cy — Up - on us.

The musical score is for a Kyrie response, featuring two parts: Women and Men. It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The Women part is on a treble clef staff, and the Men part is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 'Lord have mer - cy — Christ have mer - cy —'. The second system shows the continuation of the lyrics: '— Lord have mer - cy — Up - on us.' and 'Lord have mer - cy — Up - on us.'.

Text: Traditional; Music: Nathan George & Henry C. Haffner, 2012.

Assurance of Pardon—Titus 3:4-7; Matthew 11:28

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Pastor: He says to us, “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: Amen.

Sung Response—Fivefold Amen

A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical score is for a 'Fivefold Amen' response. It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 'A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men.'.

Text: Traditional; Music: Traditional African-American Spiritual, arr. Nelsie T. Johnson, 1988.

HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCCHARISTO*

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God:

The Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y,
Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy glor - y, glor - y__ be un - to__ Thee,
O Lord most high, O Lord most high, O Lord most high, A - men.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8;
Music: Nathan George, 2013.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Congregational Hymn—My God, My Portion, And My Love



My God, My por - tion, and my Love, my ev - er - last - ing all,
What emp - ty things are all the skies, and this in - fe - rior clod!
Let all that dwells a - bove the sky, and air, and earth, and seas,
The whole cre - a - tion, join in one, to bless the sa - cred name,



I've none but Thee in heav'n a - bove, or on this earth - ly ball.
There's no - thing here de - serves my joys, there's no - thing like my God.
Con - spire to lift Thy glo - ries high and speak Thine end - less praise.
Of Him that sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, c. 1814,
from William Walker's *The Southern Harmony*, 1854.

Congregational Hymn—How Great Thou Art



O Lord my God, when I in awes-ome won-der con - si - der all the worlds Thy hands have made,
And when I think that God, His Son not spar-ing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing thun-der, Thy power through-out the un - i - verse dis - played:
That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear-ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin:
Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o - ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My God, how great Thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee: How great Thou art! How great Thou art!



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CCLI #2844402 Text: Stuart K. Hine, 1949; Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish Folk Melody,
harm. Stuart K. Hine, 1949.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Congregational Hymn—Holy, Holy, Holy!

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and includes a piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in Earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1826; Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1861.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Jude 1:24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Unto Christ Who Loved Us



Un-to Christ, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,



And has made us kings and priests un - to God and His Fa - ther:



Un-to Him be glo-ry and do-min-ion for - ev-er and ev-er. A - men.

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Music: UNTO HIM WHO LOVED US, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1936.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

The scriptures we read and the hymns we sing in this morning's service all focus on God's majesty, power, and sovereignty. After we are called to worship by Psalm 105, which reminds us that the Lord is our God and to glory in His name, we sing that He is "God indeed," that "without our aid He did us make," and that His truth "shall from age to age endure" (*All People That On Earth Do Dwell—Psalm 100*). We'll call Him "the Almighty" and declare that all earthly rulers will bring Him gifts and pay Him reverence (*In Judah The Almighty's Known—Psalm 76*). We'll prepare for the sermon with the knowledge that "in God alone our hope securely stands" (*Let Children Hear The Mighty Deeds—Psalm 78*). We come to the table acknowledging that "there's nothing like my God" (*My God, My Portion, And My Love*), bowing with humble adoration before His greatness (*How Great Thou Art*). The service closes with the proclamation that only our God is holy and that there is none beside Him (*Holy, Holy, Holy*). As we dive into our study of God's law with a look at the first commandment, let these hymns and readings remind us of the awesome majesty of the God who demands our exclusive worship. —Henry C. Haffner

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Keystone Verse: You shall have no other gods before Me. (Exodus 20:3)



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