

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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WELCOME

COLLECT *Book of Common Prayer*

GRACIOUS FATHER, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. —Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Isaiah 55:2, 11-12; John 4:24*

Let us worship God,
for whom our souls thirst
and our bodies long.

**Listen, listen to me,
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.**

We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

**God's Word will not return empty
but will accomplish his holy purpose.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Then we will go out with joy
and be led forth in peace;**

**the mountains and the hills will sing;
the trees of the field will clap their hands.**

HYMN OF PRAISE **HOLY FATHER, GREAT CREATOR**

words: Alexander Griswold, 1835; music: Luke Morton, 2015; UBP CCLI #105650

1 Holy Father, great Creator,
1 Source of mercy, love, and peace,
Look upon the Mediator,
Clothe us with his righteousness;
Heav'nly Father, heav'nly Father,
Through the Savior hear and bless!

2 Holy Jesus, Lord of glory,
2 Whom angelic hosts proclaim,
While we hear thy wondrous story,
Come and worship in thy name;
Dear Redeemer, dear Redeemer,
In our hearts thy peace proclaim.

3 Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,
3 Come with unction from above,
Touch our hearts to sacred fire,
Fill them with the Savior's love.
Source of comfort, Source of comfort,
Cheer us with the Savior's love.

4 God the Lord, through every nation
4 Let thy wondrous mercies shine.
In the song of thy salvation
Every tongue and tribe combine.
* Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Form our hearts and make them thine. *[Repeat from * 2X]*

CONFESSION OF SIN

MOST MERCIFUL GOD,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

**that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. —Amen.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

RECEIVING OF GRACE *Galatians 2:20, ESV*

I have been crucified with Christ.

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

words & music: Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson, 2015; UBP CCLI #105650

1 Mine are days that God has numbered;
I was made to walk with him—
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer;
Though I fall, his love is sure—
For Christ has paid for every failing.
I am his forevermore!

2 Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
Darkness not yet understood—
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need—
I know my pain will not be wasted:
Christ completes his work in me.

3 Mine are days here as a stranger,
Pilgrim on a narrow way—
One with Christ, I will encounter

Harm and hatred for his name.
But mine is armor for this battle,
Strong enough to last the war—
And he has said he will deliver!
Safely to the golden shore.
And mine are keys to Zion city,
Where beside the King I walk—
For there my heart has found its treasure:
Christ is mine forevermore!

*Come rejoice now, O my soul,
For his love is my reward;
Fear is gone and hope is sure.
Christ is mine forevermore! [Repeat, 2X]*

And mine are keys to Zion city,
Where beside the King I walk—
For there my heart has found its treasure:
Christ is mine forevermore!
Christ is mine forevermore!
Christ is mine forevermore!

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 124, ESV*

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—
let Israel now say—
² if it had not been the LORD who was on our side
when people rose up against us,
³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
⁴ then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
⁵ then over us would have gone
the raging waters.

⁶ Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth!
⁷ We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped!

⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON PSALMS OF ASCENT—A LENTEN JOURNEY OF PRAYER:
SONGS OF DANGER & DELIVERANCE

HYMN OF RESPONSE PSALM 124
words & music: Luke Morton, 2020; UBP CCLI #105650

If the LORD did not with us abide,
We would have fallen, we surely would have died.
If the LORD did not with us abide,
We would have drowned in the swelling tide.

He has pulled us from the fire,
We are lifted from the mud;
He has drawn us from the mire,
We are rescued from the flood.

***Our help is in the name of the LORD,
The One of endless worth!
Yes, our help is in the name of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth!***

If the LORD did not with us abide,
We would have fallen, we surely would have died.

A WORD ON GIVING & COMMUNION

SEASON OF PRAYER *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

God of the present moment;
God who, in Jesus, stills the storm
and soothes the frantic heart;

bring hope and courage to all
who wait or work in uncertainty.

Bring hope that you will make them the equal
of whatever lies ahead.

Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided,
for your will is health and wholeness.

You are God
and we need you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. —Amen.

- *For those who are, or who have loved ones suffering from COVID-19.*
- *For healthcare and all medical frontline workers.*

Lord, in your mer-cy, hear our prayer! Lord, in your
mer - cy hear our prayer, hear our prayer!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Lord, in your mer-cy, hear our prayer! Lord, in your' with notes and rests. The second staff, starting with a '6' above the first measure, contains the lyrics 'mer - cy hear our prayer, hear our prayer!' with notes and rests. The music is simple and suitable for congregational singing.

- *For those facing loss of income.*
- *For those anxious about the future.*

[Sing] Lord, in your mercy...

- *For civility in our cities and wisdom for our leaders.*
- *For the church to extend Christ's love in this hour.*

[Sing] Lord, in your mercy...

HYMN OF BLESSING **THROUGH THE NIGHT OF DOUBT AND SORROW**

words: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1825; trans: Sabine Baring Gould, 1867; music: Luke Morton, 2005; UBP CCLI #105650

1 Through the night of doubt and sorrow
Onward goes the pilgrim band,
Singing songs of expectation,
Marching to the Promised Land.
Clear before us, through the darkness,
Gleams and burns the guiding light.
In the Lord we march together,
Stepping fearless through the night.

2 One the light of God's own presence,
O'er his ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror,
Brightening all the path we tread;
One the object of our journey,
One the faith which never tires,
One the earnest looking forward,
One the hope our God inspires.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
Through the night we roam.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
We are marching home!

3 One the strain the lips of thousands
Lift as from the heart of one;
One the conflict, one the peril,
One the march in God begun;
One the gladness of rejoicing
On the far eternal shore,
Where the one Almighty Father
Reigns in love forevermore.

Chorus, 2X

BENEDICTION *1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, ESV*

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.