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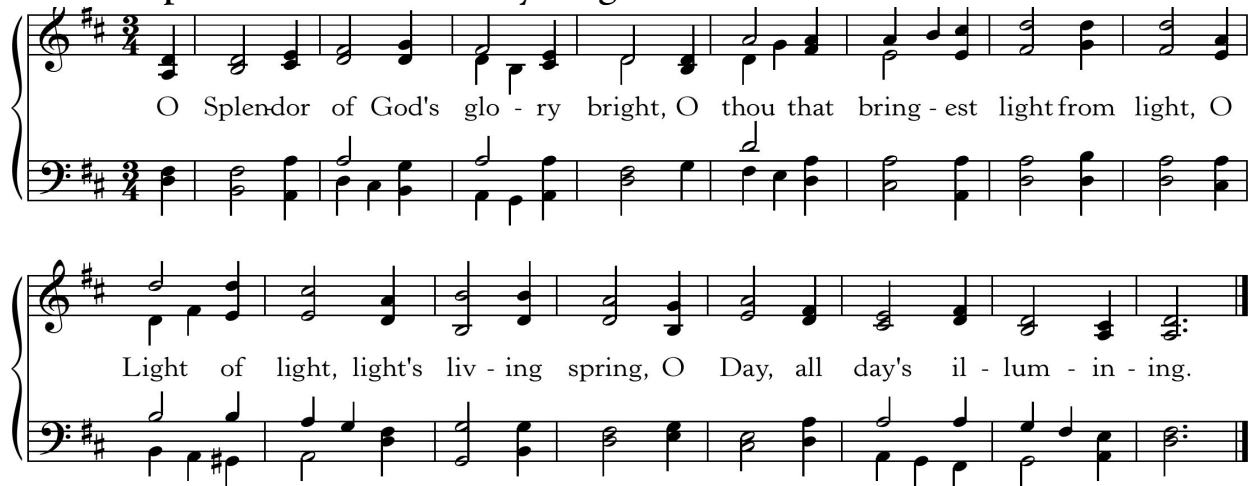
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GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

Introit—O Splendor of God's Glory Bright, Vs I



O Splendor of God's glo - ry bright, O thou that bring - est light from light, O
Light of light, light's liv - ing spring, O Day, all day's il - lum - in - ing.

Text: St. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 90:I-4, I2,

Pastor: LORD, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world.

All: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Pastor: You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

All: For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.

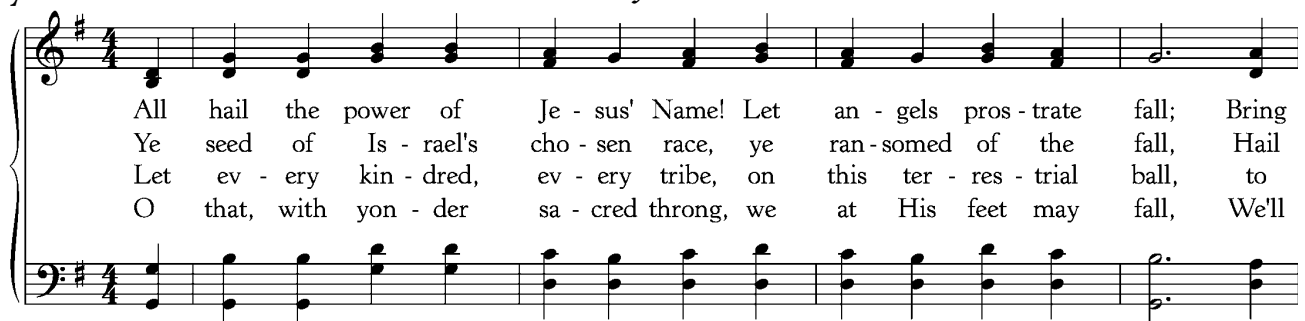
Pastor: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

All: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Pastor: Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;

All: Yes, establish the work of our hands!

Hymn of Praise—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; Bring
Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall, Hail
Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball, to
O that, with yon - der sa - cred throng, we at His feet may fall, We'll

forth the ro - yal di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of all. Bring
 Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all. Hail
 Him all ma - jes - ty as - cribe and crown Him Lord of all. To
 join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Him Lord of all. We'll

forth the ro - yal di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of all.
 Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.
 Him all ma - jes - ty as - cribe and crown Him Lord of all.
 join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1779; alt. St. 4 John Rippon, 1787; Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1793.

Hymn of Praise—O God Our Help in Ages Past, Vs I-4, 7

O God, our help in a - ges past, our
 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy
 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight are
 O God, our help in a - ges past, our

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is Thine
 earth re - ceived her frame, from ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that
 hope for years to come: Be Thou our guard while

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
arm a - lone, and our de - fence is sure.
 Thou art God, to end - less years the same.
ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 trou - bles last, And our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Psalm 90, Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727.

Old Testament Reading—Psalm I

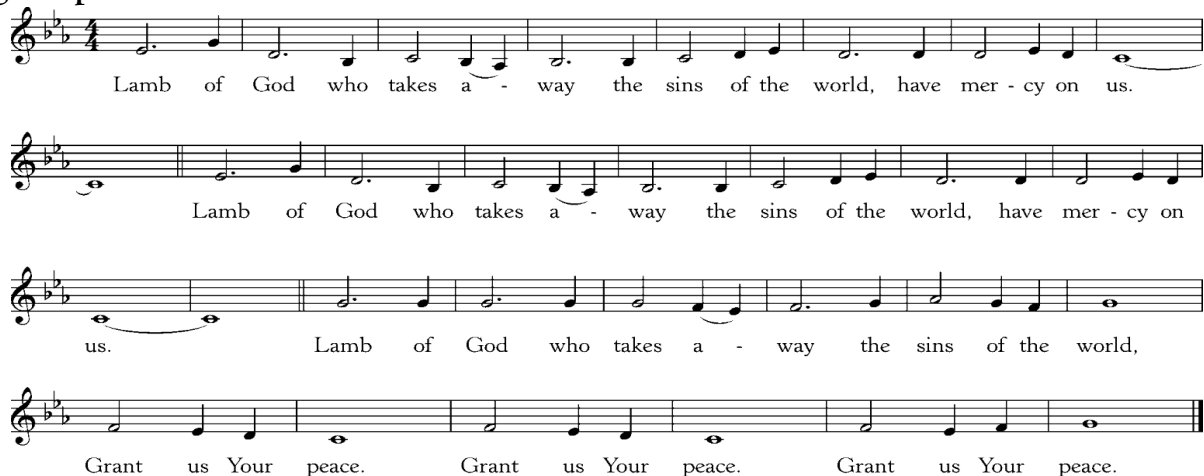
1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.
3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.
4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & 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.

Sung Response—Lamb of God



Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on

us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world,

Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace.

Text: John I:29; Music: FRANKLIN AGNUS DEI, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Romans 6:10-23 & 7:4-6

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. When we were slaves to sin,
we were free to ignore righteousness.

All: But the fruit we were getting at that time
was from things of which we now are ashamed.

Pastor: The end of those things is death. But now we have been set free from sin
and have become Your slaves.

All: And the fruit we get leads to sanctification and eternal life.

Pastor: For the wages of sin is death, but You give us the free gift of eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: We have died to the law through the body of Christ.

Pastor: We have died to the law and are free to belong to one another
and to Christ who has been raised from the dead—

All: In order that we may bear fruit for You.

Pastor: For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.

All: But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive so that we may serve in the new way of Your Spirit.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—based on 2 Corinthians 4:6 & 15

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Hymn of Praise—Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To re - ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, That the
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time That will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail— Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—John I:19-34

¹⁹ And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹ And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²² So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³ He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

²⁴ (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵ They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶ John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷ even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—The One True Light, Part 5

Behold the Lamb of God

—Tony Giles, *Pastor*

Sung Response—Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: OLD HUNDRETH, Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

Profession of Faith—from Philippians 2:5-11

We believe, that though Christ Jesus was in the form of God,
He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form,

He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted Him

and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Sung Response—Gloria

WOMEN

Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo-ple on earth.

MEN

Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo-ple on

Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo-ple on earth. We praise

earth. Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace on earth. We praise

You! We bless You! We a - dore You! We glo - ri - fy!

We give You thanks for Your glo - ry. We give You thanks for Your glo - ry.

We give You thanks for Your glo - ry.

We give You thanks.

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

Hymn of Communion—Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a
way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast, Such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move, Such a love as none can
strife, Such a life as kill - - - eth death.
length, Such a strength as makes his guest.
part, Such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1633; Music: THE CALL, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1911.

Hymn of Communion—Holy Father, Hear My Cry



Ho - ly Fa - ther, hear my cry; Ho - ly Sav - ior, bend Thine ear;
Fa - ther, save me from my sin; Sa - vior, I Thy mer - cy crave;
Fa - ther, let me taste Thy love; Sav - ior, fill my soul with peace;
Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit— Thou One Je - ho - vah, shed a - broad



Ho - ly Spir - it, come Thou nigh; Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Spir - it, hear.
Gra - cious Spir - it, make me clean: Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Spir - it, save.
Spir - it, come my heart to move: Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, bless.
All Thy grace with - in me now; Be my Fa - ther and my God.

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Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

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.*

Hymn of Praise—Be Thou My Vision

The musical score for 'Be Thou My Vision' is presented in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; nought be all
Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
Be thou my bat - tle - shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
Rich es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach
else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
her - i - tance now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what
day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: *Rob to mo bhoile, a Comdi cride*, Ancient Irish Poem, 8th century, trans Mary Byrne, 1880-1931;
Music: SLANE, Traditional Irish Melody.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—from Luke I:76-79

Go before the Lord to prepare His ways. Give knowledge of salvation to His people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high—to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Barocha (Numbers 6:24)

The Lord bless you and keep— you. The Lord make His face shine up - on— you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er. The
Lord be gra - cious to— you. The Lord turn His face— to - ward— you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.
And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.

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