

WE APPROACH THE LORD

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Let us stand and heed our Lord as He calls us to worship

***Psalm 91:1–4 (ESV)** — He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Hymn of Praise: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (457)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

***Reading from the Law**

Deuteronomy 8:11–18 (ESV) — “Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy Father, we confess that we are unworthy of Your gracious care, for we tend to live like hypocrites, in more ways than we like to admit. We forget that all life comes from You, and that to You, all life returns. We have not sought to do Your will, with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved others as Christ has loved us. Apart from You, we are nothing, yet we tend to forget You, or call upon You only in emergencies. In Your mercy, change us, forgive us, and heal us. Set us free from our sin and hypocrisy, and restore us to the joy of Your salvation, as we come in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Leader: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

All: You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

****Hymn of Assurance***

“The Church’s One Foundation” (347)

WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Prayers of Intercession

During this time the elders will be in the back ready to take personal prayer requests from and pray with all who want this.

Gracious Lord, who hast taught us by Your Holy Apostle that we should make intercession for all men, mercifully hear the petitions which we offer on their behalf.

O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom You have exalted to be Head over all, cause Your blessing, we pray You, to rest upon the Church which He has purchased with His most precious blood. Illumine her Ministers with the knowledge and understanding of Your Word. Send down the healthful dew of Your grace upon all her congregations. Clothe her with the beauty of holiness and peace. Reveal Your glory among all nations. Send the light of Your gospel to the dark places of the earth and call back to Your fold those who have wandered. Please bring in speedily the full victory of Your everlasting kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, King of kings and Lord of lords, from whom proceeds all power in heaven and on earth: we ask that You would look with favor upon the leaders of this nation. Grant all in authority the spirit of wisdom, goodness, and truth; and so rule their hearts and bless their endeavors, that law and order, justice and peace may everywhere prevail.

O' Father of all mankind, we implore Your mercy in behalf of all men that it may please You to grant them Your most compassionate help, according to their manifold needs. Especially we ask You to show Your pity upon all widows and orphans, upon all prisoners and captives, upon all sick and dying persons, upon all who are desolate or sore afflicted in any way, upon all who are persecuted for righteousness sake, and upon any such known to ourselves whom we name in our hearts before You. (Here let there be a moment of prayer in silence.) Enable them to look unto You, O most merciful Father, and to call upon Your Name, that they may find You a present Savior in their affliction and distress and let it please You to deliver them and to raise them up in due time, giving them patience under all their sufferings, the rich comfort of Your grace here below, and eternal rest with You in heaven : through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Exhortation

(Dewayne Taylor)

“Kingdom and Covenant”

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

John 3:16 ESV

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

“Be Thou My Vision” (642)

Presentation of Offerings

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father; Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

“I Stand Amazed”

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner condemned, unclean.

How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior’s love for me!

For me it was in the garden,
He prayed: “Not my will, but Thine.”
² He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat-drops of blood for mine.

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
⁴ He bore the burden to Calv’ry,
And suffered, and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
⁵ ’Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.

Closing Prayer

THE STORY LINE OF THE BIBLE

ACT 1: GOD ESTABLISHES HIS KINGDOM (CREATION)

ACT 2: REBELLION IN THE KINGDOM (FALL)

ACT 3: THE KING CHOOSES ISRAEL (REDMEPTION INITIATED)

Scene 1: A People for the King

The Rising Tide of Sin and God's Faithfulness

Recovery Plan for Creation: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

Freed from Slavery and formed as a People

Scene 2: A Land for the People

Entering the Land: Joshua and Judges

Kings and Prophets

Exile and Return

***INTERLUDE: A KINGDOM STORY WAITING FOR AN ENDING
(INTERTESTIMENTAL PERIOD)***

ACT 4: THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM (REDEMPTION ACCOMPLISHED)

ACT 5: SPREADING THE NEWS OF THE KINGDOM (THE CHURCH'S MISSION)

Scene 1: From Jerusalem to Rome

Scene 2: And to the Entire World

ACT 6: THE RETURN OF THE KING (REDEMPTION COMPLETED)