

### Pre-service Song

#### **Praise to the Lord (Joyful, Joyful)**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation.  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation.  
Come, all you hear, now to His temple draw near.  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord above all things so wondrously reigning.  
Sheltering you under His wings and so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you.  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do.  
If, with His love, He befriends you.

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the Sun above.  
Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the Sun above.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him.  
All that hath life and breath, come now, with praises before Him.  
Let the amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly forever adore Him.

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### Call To Worship

*We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.*

#### Our Spoken Call to Worship

*Psalm 121 (ESV)*

I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?  
**My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
**Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

**The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.**

#### Our Sung Call to Worship

### **All Sufficient Merit**

All sufficient merit shining like the sun.  
A fortune I inherit, by no work I have done.  
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross,  
where all sufficient merit did what I could not.

In love He condescended, eternal now in time.  
A life without a blemish, the Maker made to die.  
The law could never save us, our lawlessness had won  
until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come.

**It is done, it is finished, no more debt I owe.  
Paid in full, all sufficient merit now my own.**

I lay down my garments, any empty boasts.  
Good works all corrupted by the sinful host.  
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus, a crimson robe made white.  
No more fear of judgment, His righteousness is mine.

**It is done, it is finished, no more debt I owe.  
Paid in full, all sufficient merit now my own.** (Repeat)

All sufficient merit, firm in life and death.  
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath.  
And when I stand accepted before the throne of God  
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross.  
Yes, I'll thank You for the cross.

**It is done, it is finished, no more debt I owe.  
Paid in full, all sufficient merit now my own.** (Repeat)

Oh, Your merit now my own.  
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### **Confession**

*We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.*

### **Our Spoken Confession**

*Psalm 130 (ESV)*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!  
**O Lord, hear my voice!**  
**Let your ears be attentive**  
**to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
**But with you there is forgiveness,**  
**that you may be feared.**

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;  
**my soul waits for the Lord**  
**more than watchmen for the morning,**  
**more than watchmen for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
**And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.**

*Time of silent confession.*

### **Assurance and Peace**

*We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.*

### **Remember the Gospel**

*Colossians 2:13-15; 2 Corinthians 2:14 (ESV)*

Remember the Gospel!

And you, who were dead in your trespasses  
and the uncircumcision of your flesh,  
God made alive together with him,  
having forgiven us all our trespasses,

**by canceling the record of debt  
that stood against us with its legal demands.  
This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.**

He disarmed the rulers and authorities  
and put them to open shame,  
by triumphing over them in him.

**But thanks be to God, who in Christ  
always leads us in triumphal procession!**

### **Our Sung Profession of Assurance**

**Lead Me to the Cross** (Distribution Song)  
Savior, I come, quiet my soul, remember  
Redemption's hill, where Your blood was spilled  
For my ransom.

Everything I once held dear  
I count it all as loss.

**Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out.  
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down.  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You.  
Oh lead me, lead me to the cross.**

You were as I, tempted and tried, human.  
The Word became flesh, bore my sin and death,  
Now You're risen.

Everything I once held dear  
I count it all as loss.

**Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out.  
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down.  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You.  
Oh lead me, lead me**

To Your heart, to Your heart.  
Lead me to Your heart.  
Lead me to Your heart.

**Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out.  
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down.  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You.  
Oh lead me.  
Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out.  
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down.  
Rid me of myself, I belong to You.  
Oh lead me, lead me to the cross.**

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### **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

#### **Nothing But The Blood**

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

#### **Chorus**

**Oh! Precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

For my pardon, this I see,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing, this my plea,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Chorus)

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### **Thanksgiving and Petition**

#### **We Give Thanks in Prayer and Offer Petitions to God**

*We express our gratitude to God our Father for Christ's work on the cross for us and bring our requests before him. In bringing our requests, we confess that we believe God truly is a good father, who cares about our needs and gives us what he knows is best.*

#### **We Give Thanks by Giving**

*We give financial offerings to support the work of the church because of our gratitude to God. By giving we confess we are trusting in God's provision for us as well.*

*You may give electronically at [gabcame.org/giving/](http://gabcame.org/giving/) or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.*

### **Scripture Reading**

#### **Matthew 27:45-56 (ESV)**

<sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup> And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup> And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup> And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup> And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup> and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

<sup>55</sup> There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, <sup>56</sup> among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

This is the word of the Lord.

**The grass withers and the flower falls  
but the word of the Lord endures forever.**

### **Sermon**

Matthew 27:45-56 (ESV) – The Death of Death in the Death of Christ – Pastor Dean VanEvery

Sermon Discipleship Questions

1. What encouraged you?
2. What convicted you?
3. Is there anything in your life that needs to change?

### **Sending**

*Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in both song and spoken word.*

### **Sending Song**

#### **It Was Finished Upon That Cross**

How I love the voice of Jesus  
on the Cross of Calvary.  
He declares His work is finished;  
He has spoken this hope to me.  
Though the sun had ceased its shining,  
though the war appeared as lost,  
Christ had triumphed over evil.  
It was finished upon that Cross.

Now the curse, it has been broken;  
Jesus paid the price for me.  
Full, the pardon He has offered.  
Great, the welcome that I receive.  
Boldly I approach my Father,  
clothed in Jesus' righteousness.  
There is no more guilt to carry.

It was finished upon that Cross.

Death was once my great opponent,  
fear once had a hold on me.  
But the Son who died to save us  
rose that we would be free indeed.

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fear once had a hold on me.  
But the Son who died to save us  
rose that we would be free indeed!  
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from ev'ry plan of darkness,  
free to live and free to love.  
Death is dead and Christ is risen.  
It was finished upon that Cross.

Onward to eternal glory,  
to my Saviour and my God.  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory.  
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### **Blessing**

*Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV)*

Now to him who is able to do far more  
abundantly than all that we ask or think,  
according to the power at work within us,  
**to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
throughout all generations, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

Scripture text for next Sunday: Matthew 27:57-66