Pre-service Song

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Justice meets with mercy: God the Father crushed the Son for our iniquity. Crucified and buried, risen unto glory, Now, by the Spirit, holy we shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea. Holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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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

Revelation 5:9-13 (ESV)

Come, let us worship the Lord Jesus Christ!

Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

Our Sung Call to Worship

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam! O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice! O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One! O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession

Daniel 9:4-5, 9-10, 18-19a (ESV)

I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your mercy.
O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive.

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

Galatians 3:10-13; 2:20; 6:14 (ESV)

Remember the Gospel!

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law,

and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live but Christ who live

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.

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.

But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope, without light, 'Til from heaven You came running, There was mercy in Your eyes.

To fulfill the law and prophets, To a virgin came the Word, From a throne of endless glory, To a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus
Praise the Father,
Praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, Majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost, To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.

For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side. Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. (Chorus)

And the morning that You rose, All of heaven held its breath, 'Til that stone was moved for good, For the Lamb had conquered death.

And the dead rose from their tombs, And the angels stood in awe, For the souls of all who'd come, To the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, Then the Spirit lit the flame. Now this Gospel truth of old, Shall not kneel, shall not faint.

By His blood and in His name, In His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me. (Chorus) Praise forever to the King of Kings.

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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 <u>gabcames.org/giving/</u> or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.

Scripture Reading

John 14:15-31 (ESV)

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

John 14:15-31 - The Trinity: Three in One - 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?

I Surrender All (Distribution Song)

All to Jesus I surrender,

All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

Chorus

I surrender all, I surrender all; All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow; Worldly pleasures all forsaken, Take me, Jesus, take me now. (Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly thine; Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine. (Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee; Fill me with Thy love and power, Let thy blessing fall on me. (Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender, Now I feel the sacred flame. O the joy of full salvation, Glory, glory to His name. (Chorus)

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

<u>Sending</u>

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

Let the Nations Be Glad

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy, May redemption be the theme of our song. For by grace we have been saved, And by grace we shall proclaim To the corners of the earth that Christ has come.

Chorus

Let the nations be glad! Let the people rejoice, For salvation belongs to our God. Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the Lord, For salvation belongs to our God, let the nations be glad.

Through the ages gone before, through the trial and the sword, Many saints and martyrs conquered, though they died. Still we, holding out the cross, Crossing oceans suffering loss, Shall endure all things to win the crown of life. (Chorus)

As Your holy church goes forth in the Holy Spirit's power, With the glories of the gospel to explain, Now we pray Your kingdom come, And we pray Your will be done, For the honor and the glory of Your name. (Chorus)

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Blessing

Romans 11:36 (ESV)

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.

Amen.

Scripture text for next Sunday: Matthew 2