



**Lord's Day Worship**

**April 6, 2025**

# -The Worship of God-

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Please Stand*

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

People: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

*Psalm 66:1-3*

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Hymn of Praise: Come Christians Join To Sing*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in three stanzas, each corresponding to a line of music. The first stanza is for the first three parts of the choir, and the second and third stanzas are for the full choir. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!  
2. Come, lift your hearts on high,    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!  
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain,    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King;    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!  
let prais - es fill the sky;    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!  
life shall not end the strain;    Al - le - lu - ia!    A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;  
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Please Sit*

Merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and implore your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart fervently; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to your steadfast love; according to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and uphold us with a willing spirit.

*Silent Confession*

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Lamentations 3:22-24*

22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 24 “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

## *Song of Thanksgiving: Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

A D B' Em A'

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

D Bdim A E<sup>7</sup> A A<sup>7</sup> D Em D

morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

G Bdim D A<sup>7</sup> D

vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Remain Standing*  
*The Nicene Creed*

**W**e believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

**A**nd in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

**A**nd we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise: O For A Thousand Tongues*



G       $\frac{G}{B}$       D      G      D<sup>7</sup>      Em      D      G       $\frac{D^7}{F\#}$       G      D

• 1. O      for      a      thou-sand      tongues      to      sing      My      great      Re-deem-er's      praise,  
 • 2. Je - sus!      the      name      that      charms      our      fears,      That      bids      our      sor - rows      cease;  
 • 3. He      breaks      the      pow'r      of      can - celed      sin,      He      sets      the      pris - oner      free;  
 • 4. Hear      Him,      ye      deaf;      His      praise,      ye      dumb,      Your      loos-ened      tongues      em-ploy;  
 • 5. My      grac - ious      Mas - ter      and      my      God,      As - sist      me      to      pro - claim,

D      G       $\frac{G}{B}$       C       $\frac{G}{D}$       D<sup>7</sup>      G

The      glo - ries      of      my      God      and      King,      The      tri-umphs      of      His      grace!  
 'Tis      mu - sic      in      the      sin-ner's      ears,      'Tis      life,      and      health,      and      peace.  
 His      blood      can      make      the      foul-est      clean,      His      blood      a - vailed      for      me.  
 Ye      blind,      be - hold      your      Sav - ior      come,      And      leap,      ye      lame,      for      joy.  
 To      spread      through      all      the      earth      a - broad      the      hon - ors      of      Thy      name.

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please Sit*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Remain Seated*

## GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

*Scripture Reading*

*Titus 1:4-9*

[4] To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

[5] This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—[6] if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. [7] For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, [8] but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. [9] He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*Sermon*

*Exodus 18:1-27*

[1] Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people, how the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt. [2] Now Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, had taken Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her home, [3] along with her two sons. The name of the one was Gershom (for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land"), [4] and the name of the other, Eliezer (for he said, "The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh"). [5] Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness where he was encamped at the mountain of God. [6] And when he sent word to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her," [7] Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. And they asked each other of their welfare and went into the tent. [8] Then Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them in the way, and how the LORD had delivered them. [9] And Jethro rejoiced for all the good that the LORD had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.

[10] Jethro said, "Blessed be the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. [11] Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods, because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people." [12] And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

[13] The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. [14] When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?" [15] And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God; [16] when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make them know the statutes of God and his laws." [17] Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. [18] You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. [19] Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, [20] and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. [21] Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. [22] And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. [23] If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace."

[24] So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said. [25] Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. [26] And they judged the people at all times. Any hard case they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves. [27] Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went away to his own country.

# THE LORD COMMUNES WITH HIS PEOPLE

*The Lord's Supper*



# Hymn of Response: Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross; there a pre - cious foun - tain,  
2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all— a heal - ing stream— flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the Bright and Morn - ing Star shed its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its sha - dow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

REFRAIN

In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my rap - tured soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

# BENEDICTION

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a treble staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature, and a bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, with guitar chords G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, and D written above it. The lyrics 'Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff contains a bass line of eighth and quarter notes. The second system also has two staves. The treble staff continues the melody with guitar chords Em, D, G, D, G, C, D, G, D, Am, G, D, G, C, and G. The lyrics 'Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff continues the bass line. The score ends with a double bar line.

G D Em Bm Em D G D Em C G D

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;

<sup>3</sup> Em D G D G C D G D Am G D G C G

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Trinity Classical Christian School Banquet:** On Friday, April 11th at 5:30-8PM, TCCS is having their third annual donor banquet at the Millhouse in American Falls. AFCC supports the school financially and several families do, or will soon be, enrolling their children at Trinity. If you are interested in attending, sponsoring a table, or hosting a table, please reach out to Julie Bieda at TCCS ([j.bieda@trinityclassicalchristianschool.com](mailto:j.bieda@trinityclassicalchristianschool.com) or 208-242-4545).

**Good Friday Service:** Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a time of solemn worship to commemorate Christ's crucifixion on April 18 at 6PM.

**Compassion and Hope Pregnancy Center:** CHPC is doing a Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaign starting at the end of April. This is a great way for us to support our local PC financially, in addition to the financial support we give them as a church through missions. They are asking for a person to be the representative for AFCC. If you are interested in being the representative, please speak with Kelley McGinnis.

**Sunday Ministry Schedule:** Each Sunday, we have predictable fellowship and ministry opportunities that repeat every month on the same Sunday of the month until the Summer. Please avail yourselves of the opportunities to grow in love, grace, and service together.

- **First Sunday Fellowship Meal:** After service we will have a potluck fellowship meal at the church. Please bring a main dish and a side to share.
- **Second Sunday Coffee and Conversation at the Pastor's House at 2pm.** We will discuss a biblical, theological, historical, etc., topic together over coffee and dessert. If you have specific questions or topics you'd like to cover in this conversational setting, please reach out to Pastor Nick.
- **Third Sunday Hymn Sings:** Every third Sunday of the month at the church. We will have a fellowship meal starting at 5pm, followed by the hymn sing. Bring a main dish and a side to share for the fellowship meal.

**Sunday Morning Fellowship:** There is a sign up sheet in the entryway of the church for snacks to be served in between Sunday School and the Worship Service. Reimbursement from the church is available for those who would like to turn in their fellowship snack receipt. Please be mindful of sugar content, dyes, and other ingredients when selecting snacks to bring. Contact Kelley McGinnis ([kilmcginnis@hotmail.com](mailto:kilmcginnis@hotmail.com) & 530-227-8521) with any questions.

**Prayer Meeting:** Prayer meeting begins at 9:15am each Lord's Day. Contact Jim Doyle for more information. Please come and pray!

**Sunday School:** Sunday School starts at 9:45am. The adults are working through the *Westminster Confession of Faith*. This is an important way to examine key doctrines in the Bible, to join our brothers and sisters from ages past in practicing the historic reformed faith, and to learn how we can all work toward greater unity in the church. Please make it a priority to attend! The children's Sunday School is geared for the following approximate grades: nursery, grades 1-3, 5-6. and 7-12.

**Wednesday Evening Study:** Please join us on Wednesday nights at 7pm at the church. We are discussing the previous week's sermon and enjoying a time of fellowship.

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**Prayer 9:15AM**

**Sunday School 9:45AM**

**Sunday Worship 11:00AM**

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and to make disciples in Southeastern Idaho and beyond.”