

PSALMS OF ASCENT

REPENTANCE AND FAITH

PSALM 120 & 121



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, February 2, 2020

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SONG OF GATHERING & PREPARATION

The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

Come As You Are

CALL TO WORSHIP | Romans 8:26, 28, 31-32 (ESV)

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ... And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ... What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Isaiah 53:1, 3-6 (ESV)

We read God's Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ... He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.

Man Of Sorrows

PRAISE & CELEBRATION

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done for us.

Because He Lives (Amen)

KIDS' WORSHIP DISMISSAL

Infants - Kindergarten are dismissed. Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.

GREETING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD | *Tim Rice, Lead Pastor & Director of Church Planting*

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

The Apostle's Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

Grace

SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

The Lion And The Lamb

BENEDICTION

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
both now and forevermore. Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: Psalms 120-121 (ESV)

Title: Psalms of Ascent - Repent & Trust

Teacher: Tim Rice

¹ In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. ² Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue. ³ What shall be given to you, and what more shall be done to you, you deceitful tongue? ⁴ A warrior's sharp arrows, with glowing coals of the broom tree! ⁵ Woe to me, that I sojourn in Meshech, that I dwell among the tents of Kedar! ⁶ Too long have I had my dwelling among those who hate peace. ⁷ I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war! ... ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? ² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Intro: What did the pilgrims do and why did they do it?

EVERYBODY HURTS

The experience of distress is a universal experience. What are common causes?

EVERYONE LOOKS FOR HOPE

How have you looked for relief from distress? Everyone does.

WHY CAN YOU HAVE ASSURANCE?

How can I know God will redeem and sustain me?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, our Helper who made heaven and earth. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His power (Almighty!) and vigilance (He never sleeps nor slumbers).
2. How have you lived in trusting things or circumstances more than you trust the Lord? Confess your pride to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to renew you to trust Him more than anyone or anything.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His willingness to suffer and be separated from His Father in order to atone for our sins. Thank Him for all He endured to pay your debt and for all He gives you by His Grace.
4. Who do you know that lives in distress? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them, to secure them by His answer to their cries for help and to keep them by His immeasurable power.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to secure you in His love and faithfulness. Pray for the Spirit to bear in you His fruit of peace, *especially as you compare what the things of this world offer vs. all that the LORD freely gives you in Christ.*

