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## CALL TO WORSHIP

It is good to praise the LORD  
and make music to your name, O Most High,  
**to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night.**

### FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

**For the beauty of the earth  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies.**

#### Refrain

**Lord of all, to Thee we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour,  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of**

#### Refrain

**For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild.**

#### Refrain

**For Thy Church, that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love.**

#### Refrain

### STANDING

PSALM 92:1-2 (NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)

Please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices for the duration of the worship service.

Text in **bold** is read together by the entire congregation. Plain text is read by one of the worship service leaders.

FOLLIOT S. PIERPOINT 1864, CONRARD KOCHER 1838

SEATED

“Lectio Sacra” means “sacred reading.” It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship services. The assumption behind this practice is that we are people who need to be shaped by all of God’s word.

## LECTIO SACRA

REVELATION 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

The Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

Musical interludes are included in our service in order to provide space for reflection and worship.

## INTERLUDE

**STANDING**

## CONFESSIO N OF SIN

Confession of sin happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me their sins against God and their neighbor.

**Lord God Almighty,**

**there are times when we are disoriented and angry at our circumstances.**  
**Forgive us for when we have acted unfaithfully during these times.**  
**Forgive us for choosing self-deception instead of honesty with you.**  
**Forgive us for choosing self-medication instead of dependence on you.**  
**Forgive us for choosing self-reliance instead of trust in you.**

**We sin because of our weak faith:**

**when we do not believe that you can handle our questions,**  
**when we do not believe you care that we hurt.**  
**when we do not believe that you will show up.**

**Forgive us and give us greater faith**

**so that we can come to you in our times of greatest need.**

(You are invited to personalize your confession as you pray silently.)

# RECEIVING OF GRACE

ADAPTED FROM PHILIPPIANS 1:6

And I am sure of this,  
that he who began a good work in you  
will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**In Christ, God has forgiven us.**

**God is renewing us.**

**God will receive us. Amen.**

## HYMN OF JOY

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

ALEXANDER MEANS, AMERICAN TRAD. CA. 1835 (ARR. ADAM BEHRINGER 2011)

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What won-drous love is this, O my soul? What

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won-drous love is this, O my soul? What won-drous love is this, that

15  
caused the Lo-rd of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul? To

21  
God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb I will  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll sing

27  
God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb I will  
sing To God and to the Lamb Who is the grea-t I  
32 on. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy-ful  
sing. To God and to the Lamb Who is the grea-t I  
am, While mill-ions join the theme, I will sing. And  
be, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on. To  
Am, While mi-llions join the theme, I will sing.

Praying through the Psalms  
each week teaches us how  
to pray, using the prayer  
book of ancient Israel.  
As we pray, there will be  
pauses for reflection.

## PRAYING THE PSALMS

PSALM 13  
TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

**How long will you hide your face from me?**

How long must I take counsel in my soul  
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

**How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

**light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,**

lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"

**lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.**

But I have trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

**I will sing to the LORD,**

**because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

## HYMN OF PETITION

HOW LONG, O LORD

ISAAC WATTS 1719, KARL DIGERNESS ©2008 KARL DIGERNESS MUSIC

1. How long, O Lord, shall I complain  
2. Shall I for ever be forgotten  
3. How long shall my poor troubled breast  
4. What e'er my fears or foes suggest,  
— like one that seeks his God in vain?  
— As one whom thou regardest not?  
— Be with these anxious thoughts oppressed?  
— Thou art my hope, my joy, my rest;  
Canst thou thy face forever hide,  
Still shall my soul thy absence mourn,  
And Satan, my malicious foe,  
My heart shall feel thy love, and raise,  
— and I still pray and be denied?  
— And still despair of thy return? (to Verse 3)  
— Re-joice to see me sunk so low?  
— My cheerful voice to songs of praise.  
But I have trusted in thy grace, and shall again behold  
— thy face, be-hold thy face. But I thy face.

## CONGREGATIONAL LAMENT

STAND, SIT, OR KNEEL

**Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.  
There is so much pain and suffering in the world.  
Come quickly to our aid.**

For the sins that sorely hinder us:

(Silent prayer)

How long, O Lord?

**Will you forget me forever?**

For broken relationships and fractured lives:

(Silent prayer)

How long, O Lord?

**Will you forget me forever?**

For the poor and oppressed in our city and in the world:

(Silent prayer)

How long, O Lord?

**Will you forget me forever?**

For tyrants who abuse their power:

(Silent prayer)

How long, O Lord?

**Will you forget me forever?**

For sickness, disease, and death:

(Silent prayer)

How long, O Lord?

**Will you forget me forever?**

STANDING

**Father, we trust in your steadfast love.  
We pour out our sorrows at your feet.  
Amen.**

**Prayer for Those**

**Searching for the Truth**

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life.

Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If

what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

**Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

**Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

**LAMB OF GOD**

JESS ALLDREDGE ©2011 GRACE SEATTLE

**Verse**

Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world.

**Refrain**

O have mer-cy on us.  
Lord have mer-cy on us.

**Bridge**

Grant us peace Lo-rd.  
Grant us peace Lo-rd.  
Grant us peace Lo-rd.  
Grant us peace Lo-rd.

*To Refrain (after repeat)*

Grant us peace Lo-rd.

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**SEATED**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**GOD'S COMFORT IN SUFFERING**

TEXT: 2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-11 (SEE BACK PAGE)

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**INTERLUDE**

**OFFERING**

PROCEEDS OF TODAY'S OFFERING WILL GO TO THE DEACONS' FUND, DEDICATED TO HELPING THOSE FACING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THE OFFERING IS A WAY FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF GRACE SEATTLE TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH'S MISSION AND MINISTRY. IF YOU ARE OUR GUEST TODAY, PLEASE FEEL UNDER NO COMPULSION TO GIVE. PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU'VE JOINED US TODAY, AS WELL AS ANY COMMENTS OR PRAYER REQUESTS, BY PLACING YOUR COMMENT CARD IN THE OFFERING BASKET.

# HYMN OF COMFORT

STANDING

## IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

HORATIO G. SPAFFORD 1873, PHILIP P. BLISS ("VILLEDEHAVRE") 1876

When peace, like a ri - ver at - tend - eth my  
Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though trials should  
My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - - - rious  
And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be  
way, when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my  
come, let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re -  
thought! My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the  
sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re -  
lot, Thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is  
gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed His own  
cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the  
sound, and the Lord shall des - cend, ev - en so, it is  
well with my soul. It is well with my soul,  
blood for my soul.  
Lord, O my soul!  
well with my soul.  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

SEATED

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CHAD BRIAN

PROFESSION OF FAITH FROM THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER, 57-5

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and do you promise to strive for its purity and peace?

**A LITANY: THE CHURCH**

O God the Father, from whom the whole church in heaven and earth is named;

O God the Son, who lives as head over the church;

O God the Holy Spirit, who gathers and perfects the church;

O Holy Trinity, eternal love:

**Have mercy upon us.**

That it may please you to strengthen and enlarge your holy Church in every land,  
and to unite all those who profess and call themselves Christians  
in faith and hope and charity:

**We beseech you, good Lord.**

That your Church may strive, not for its own safety, but for the world's salvation,  
seeking only your kingdom and your righteousness:

**We beseech you, good Lord.**

That you will grant to all ministers of your Word and Sacraments  
the spirit of wisdom, power, and love,  
and call many more to the work of your ministry:

**We beseech you, good Lord.**

That, regardless of the praise or contempt of the world,  
your Church may worship and adore you in spirit and in truth:

**We beseech you, good Lord.**

Let us join together in praying as Jesus taught us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**



# HYMN OF ATONEMENT

## JESUS PAID IT ALL

ELVINA M. HALL 1865, JOHN THOMAS GRAPE 1835-1915

I hear the Sa-vior say, thy strength in-deed is small. Child of  
Lor-d now in-deed I find Thy pow'r and Thine a-lone can  
5 And when be-fore the throne I stand in Him com- plete. Je-sus  
wea-kness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all. Je - sus paid it  
10 change the le-per's spots and melt the heart of stone.  
died my soul to save. My lips shall still re-peat:  
13 all, all to Him I owe. 1.2. 7  
Sin had left a crim-son stain; He washed it white as snow.  
3. Sin had left a crim-son stain; He washed it white as snow. He  
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washed it white as snow. He washed it white as snow.  
O praise the One who paid my debt and raised this life up from the dead. (O)

SEATED

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION, ALSO CALLED THE LORD'S SUPPER OR THE EUCHARIST, IS THE FAMILY MEAL OF CHRISTIANS. WE INVITE ALL BAPTIZED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST WHO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR SINS AGAINST GOD AND THEIR NEIGHBORS AND CONFESS THEIR NEED FOR THE GRACE OF CHRIST TO PARTAKE OF THIS MEAL. IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN AND HAVEN'T BEEN BAPTIZED, PLEASE TALK WITH ONE OF OUR PASTORS. WE WOULD BE HONORED TO BAPTIZE YOU. WE HOPE THAT THIS TIME IS HELPFUL TO YOU AS YOU CONSIDER YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST AND WITH HIS PEOPLE, THE CHURCH.

Allergen-free communion elements (wafer ingredients: organic brown rice flour, organic white rice flour) are available at the center of the communion table. To partake, please dip in either the wine (larger cup) or grape juice (smaller cup) on the table, then proceed through the line.

**Prayer for Those Receiving Communion**  
Lord Jesus, your perfect life, your death, and your resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

## DOXOLOGY

THOMAS KEN 1674, LOUIS BOURGEOIS 1551

5 Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;

9 praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

13 praise Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host:

8 praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

24 Ghost. Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

29 Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

36 A - men, a - men, a - me - n!

## BENEDICTION

ADAPTED FROM PHILIPPIANS 4:7

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
 guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of Christ;  
 May the blessing of God Almighty,  
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

Let us go forth and serve the world  
 as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**