

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 01-17-2021

- **Call to Worship – Psalm 103: 20-22**
- **Song of Adoration – Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven (LUYH 571 vs. 1, 3, 5)¹**

Verse 1

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praise sing.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Verse 3

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows!

Verse 5

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

- **God greets his people**
- **Song – Not What My Hands Have Done (LUYH 624 vs. 1-3)²**

Verse 1

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Verse 2

Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;
your power alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase.
No other work but yours, no other blood will do;
no strength but that which is divine can bear me safely through.

Verse 3

I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
and with unfaltering lip and heart I call this Savior mine.
My Lord has saved my life and freely pardon gives;
I love because he first loved me, I live because he lives.

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² Words by Horatius Bonar; Public Domain.

- **Sanctity of Human Life Litany³**

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those in positions of public trust, especially our President and President-elect, for our governor, for all national and state members of Congress, for all our judges – that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the end of legalized abortion and the protection of all unborn children from an untimely death, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all counselors advising abortion and doctors performing them, that their hearts would be turned toward the children and their minds enlightened about the sanctity of all life, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all women contemplating abortion, that they would hear God’s Word to unborn children: “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I set you apart”; we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all women who have had abortions, that their grief would be consoled and their scars healed, that they would seek and experience your forgiveness and grace; we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For men, husbands, boyfriends, who have been impacted by abortions, or who may have thought that abortion was a better way; we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For Crisis Pregnancy Centers around the world and others working to provide alternatives to abortion, that they would be strengthened in your service and bold in their witness, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who seek to protect life – the life of the unborn, the life of the elderly, the life of the marginalized or oppressed; we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

³ Adapted from a litany from Anglicans for Life: <http://anglicansforlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Litanies-ProLife-Litanies.pdf>

Leader: We thank you for the gift of life, and pray that we will always be filled with awe regarding the beauty and sanctity of every human life – because we are created in your image.

ALL: We give you all praise, O Lord. In Jesus name, Amen.

- **Pastoral Prayer**

- **Offering** – even though we are not passing the offering plates during our worship service, we still want to remember that the giving of our tithes and offerings is an act of worship to God. We are grateful for all his gifts to us, and we give back a portion of what he has given to us.

- **Sermon**

Sermon Text: Mark 2: 1-12

Sermon Title: “Room for Forgiveness”

Series: *Mark*

- **Song of Response – Jesus Paid It All (Hymns for the Living Church 232 vs. 1-3)⁴**

Verse 1

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in me thine all in all.”
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Verse 2

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow’r and Thine alone
can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Verse 3

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim—
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary’s Lamb.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

- **Benediction**

- **Doxology – Jesus Paid It All (Hymns for the Living Church (LUYH 232 vs. 4)⁵**

Verse 4

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

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