

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 10-25-2020

- **Call to Worship – Revelation 5: 6-12**

- **Song of Praise – Revelation Song vs. 1-3¹**

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain; Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy holy holy Is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color; Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be to You the only wise King

Verse 3

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water; Such a marv'lous mystery

- **God greets his people**

- **Song of Confession and Assurance – Be Unto Your Name vs. 1-2²**

Verse 1

We are a moment You are forever; Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal; Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus

Holy holy Lord God Almighty, Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory Be unto Your name; Be unto Your name

Verse 2

We are the broken You are the healer; Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever bowing before You blessing Your name

Ending

Be unto Your name

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- **Preparation for the Lord's Supper (Grey Psalter p. 976-977)³**

Minister: As we prepare to celebrate holy communion, let us remember that Scripture calls us to examine ourselves before God. We are taught that eating and drinking unworthily brings judgment upon ourselves (1 Cor. 11:28-29). Let us therefore ask God for the proper spirit in which to celebrate the sacrament.

Almighty God, before whom can be neither secret thought nor hidden deed, grant us your Spirit that we may know our hearts, our lives, and our inmost thoughts as you know them.

Grant us your grace that we may repent sincerely of all sin, find peace with you through our Lord Jesus Christ, and grow in assurance of salvation in him.

May the celebration of our Savior's infinite love in his redeeming death bring joy to us and glory to you.

All: We thank you, heavenly Father, for the atoning power of our Savior's death and for our share in his victory over sin. Open our hearts as we prepare for this celebration, that it may strengthen us in our faith, establish us in our hope, and confirm us in our love. In his name, Amen.

Minister: Brothers and sisters, let us first examine our faith. We all confess the truth of God as taught by Scripture and summarized in the creeds of the church. By this faith we take to ourselves Christ and all his benefits, so that for us to live is Christ.

All: Lord God, author and finisher of all true believing, confirm our faith as we prepare for the holy sacrament.

Minister: Let us, further, examine our hope. All Christian hope rests upon the finished work of Christ as Savior. The holy gospel teaches that all our righteousness is in him alone.

God's children rely wholly upon the merits of Christ, find in him their strength and victory, and confidently expect his return in glory. They look forward to celebrating this holy supper anew with him in the kingdom. They will surely be received by God at his table.

All: Most merciful Father, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope.

Minister: Let us also examine our love, both for God and our neighbors. Remember the great and first commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Let us consciously determine to live a life of loving service to him, through Christ our Lord.

Let us also search ourselves to determine whether we love our neighbors as Christ commands. Do we unselfishly live for the welfare of others? Do our lives reflect the godly virtues of obedience, fidelity, integrity, justice, humility, and contentment? Do we seek reconciliation with our neighbors in all cases of offense?

³ The CRCNA Synod of 1981 approved this litany as an option to the preparatory sections of the forms for the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

All: Dear Father, daily increase in us the greatest gift of all, our Christian love.

Minister: If these marks of spiritual life are not evident in us, we may not presume to approach his table. Those, therefore, who live in self-righteousness, who hope in works or virtues of their own, and who do not show love to God and neighbor, have no true place at the Lord's supper.

Yet we should not be deterred by any sin lingering within against our will. As we find faith, hope, and love within us, we ought gladly to obey our Lord's command and come with full expectation to God's open house of mercy.

All: Gracious God, we love and adore you in Christ our Lord. We thank you for reconciling us to yourself in him. We rejoice in being received as your children.

Prepare us by your Holy Spirit for the sacrament. Help us to come in the assurance that by it we shall be spiritually revived, and strengthened in faith, hope, and love, through Christ our Lord. 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: Philippians 2: 19-30
Sermon Title: “A Proven Son and an Honored Soldier”
Series: *Philippians*
- **Song of Response – Take My Life and Let it Be (LUYH #863 vs. 1-3, 6)⁴**
 - Verse 1
Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise, let them flow in endless praise.
 - Verse 2
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of they love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.
 - Verse 3
Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.

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Verse 6

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at they feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.

- **Benediction**

- **Doxology – We Receive Your Blessing (LUYH #947)⁵**

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,
as we walk in the light shining from your face.
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, you heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.
(repeat all)

We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

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