

# **Lord's Day Worship**

**Grove City Christian Academy  
Mill Street Campus**

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“Preaching is the primary means of growth for the local church. There is a great deal of debate about this in our day, but it is the preaching of the Word that God most uses to build up a church, not only numerically but above all (and far more importantly) in spiritual depth and understanding of the people who make up the congregation.”

-- James Montgomery Boice

“The content of worship comes from the Bible, the goal of worship is to give praise to God, and the basis for worship is the saving work of Jesus Christ. Put more simply, true Christian worship is Word-communicating, God-glorifying, and Christ-confessing.”

-- Philip Graham Ryken

## **Worship Presider: Elder Eric Bancroft**

### ***Sing Praise to the Name of the Lord***

#### **Call to Worship, Psalm 100: All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with joy, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good; his mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

#### **Prayer of Invocation**

*We ask God's presence to enable us to worship him as we ought.*

#### **Psalm 23**

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie,  
In pastures green; he leadeth me, the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill:  
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

## ***Recount the Wonders of His Mercy***

### **Call to Confession: Colossians 3:1-5**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

### **Prayer of Confession (adapted from *The Valley of Vision*)**

Almighty God,

We have come before you to worship you, but as we speak words of worship and sing songs of praise, we are reminded by your Word that we are to have no other gods before you. We have fallen woefully short of keeping this great command. Our worship of you is neither consistent nor wholehearted. You have called us to set our minds on things above, yet we habitually allow our minds to slip back toward things of earth: the fleeting pleasures that this world offers us in food, sexual immorality, and entertainment; the seeming glory it grants us in reputation, success, and money.

Lord Jesus Christ, we have often doubted that you could rescue our souls. We create elaborate systems of salvation to comfort ourselves in our desperate condition. Some of us have learned to live in blindness toward the sin that so easily ensnares us, assuming that we are better than we are and smugly satisfied that we are not like other sinners. Others of us have established rituals of self-hatred to cope with the sin that we find in our hearts, hoping that if we just work hard enough, you might find it possible to forgive our insidious and constant sins. One thing we have in common is that none of us see our own sin clearly. Instead, we make too much or too little of it, and thereby obscure our view of your cross.

Holy Spirit, lead us back to the good news of the Gospel: that all of our sin has been put to death, fully and finally, by Christ on the cross. Help us to see the reality of our justification: we have been raised with Christ, and our relationship with God has been secured as beloved children. Help us to put to death the remaining sin in our hearts, but give us the confidence to admit that our struggle with sin is ongoing, and will be until you glorify us. Give us bold faith that lingers at the cross longer than we linger over our sins. Entice us with the good news from above, so that our worship might flow from transformed hearts enraptured by a God who loved us first. Clear our spiritual vision, we pray, that we might see our souls as hidden with Christ on high, our Savior and our God. In his name we come, amen.

### **Silent Prayers of Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 12:1-3**

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

## **Be Thou My Vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
Raise thou me heaven-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **Prayer for the Church and Congregation**

### ***Give Attention to His Powerful Word***

#### **Scripture Reading**

#### **Revelation 2: 18-29**

<sup>18</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

<sup>19</sup>“I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. <sup>20</sup> But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual

immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup> I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. <sup>22</sup> Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, <sup>23</sup> and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. <sup>24</sup> But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. <sup>25</sup> Only hold fast what you have until I come. <sup>26</sup> The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, <sup>27</sup> and he will rule <sup>[c]</sup> them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. <sup>28</sup> And I will give him the morning star. <sup>29</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

## Sermon

### **“Come, Hear what the Spirit says to the Churches; Repent”**

Shawn Spalti

## *Affirming our Faith*

**Brothers: At the day of judgment,**

**What is the hope of those made righteous through faith in Christ?**

**At the day of judgment,**

**the righteous, being caught up to Christ in the clouds,  
shall be set on his right hand,**

**and there openly acknowledged and acquitted,  
shall join with him in the judging of reprobate angels and men,  
and shall be received into heaven,**

**where they shall be fully and forever freed from all sin and misery;  
filled with inconceivable joys,  
made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul,  
in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels,**

**but especially in the immediate vision and fruition**

**of God the Father,  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity.**

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 90

## ***Receive the Gifts of His Grace***

### **The Lord's Supper**

*All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, who are communicant members of a Bible-believing church, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. The cups with lighter liquid contain grape juice, the darker liquid is wine. The darker bread in the paper cup in the center of the plate is gluten-free. While communion is being served, please feel free to join in song or meditate quietly on Christ's sacrifice.*

### ***Song of Preparation:***

#### **Come Ye Sinners**

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.  
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness he requires is to feel your need of him.  
This he gives you, this he gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of his blood.  
Venture on him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.  
*He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.*

### **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

## *Song of Response:*

### **Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers, upon the fruitful earth;  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;  
Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald, go;  
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed;  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever, that name to us is love.

### **Benediction**

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