

# Bulletin for Worship

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### **Call to Worship**

Come, let us bow before the holy One.

Come, let us confess God's might.

Come, let us feel God's mercy.

Come, let us live in God's light.

**As God's people, we lift our voices in praise.**

**Glory to You, gracious and loving God!**

### **Hymn Glory to God #264 "At the Name of Jesus"**

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;

Bore it up triumphant, with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,  
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

*TEXT: Caroline Maria Noel, 1870, alt.*

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### **Prayer of Adoration**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of Patience, Your people grow weary. We complain and question. We put You to the test. Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no. When we wander off Your path, when we fail to follow through on our good intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things; gently call us back to You.**

**Empty our hearts of anger and pride. Empty our souls of greed and selfishness. Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust. As you poured out Your very**

**self through Your beloved Son, pour your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing. Reclaim us with Your love. Amen.**

*Take a few moments to offer your own silent confession.*

### **Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness**

Friends in Christ, our God is patient, steadfast, and understanding. Christ hears our cries of repentance. The Lord knows our hearts, inside and out. The One who created us promises to care for us, even when we turn away. Hear these words of forgiveness. Be strengthened to walk as disciples. Trust in God's mercy.

**We have been forgiven and made messengers of peace to all of the world.**

### **The Presbyterian Hymnal #579 "Gloria Patri"**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

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*Glory Be to the Father*

*TEXT: Trad. liturgical text. Composer: Henry W. Greatorex (1851)*

### **Scripture Reading:**           Philippians 2:1-13

<sup>2:1</sup> If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

### **Matthew 21:23-32**

<sup>23</sup> When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" <sup>26</sup>But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup> 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." <sup>29</sup>He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

**Message:** "The Strength of Humility"

#### **Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

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

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

#### **Sending Glory to God #63 "The Lord is God"**

The Lord is God, the Lord alone!

Give honor, thanks, and praise  
to God, the maker of all things  
and giver of our days.

With all your heart,  
with all your soul,

with all your mind and might,  
O people, love the Lord your God,  
the source of truth and light.

At night or day, at home, away,  
together and apart,  
O children, take these holy words  
and keep them in your heart.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone!  
Give honor, thanks, and praise  
to God, the maker of all things  
and giver of our days.

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## **Benediction**