
Order of Worship

December 9, 2018

Preparing Our Hearts: If you arrive a little early, prepare your heart for worship by reading and thinking about this text:

- *The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Matt. 20:28 ESV)*

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
 - *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. (Ps. 146:1-9 ESV)*
- We humbly respond with praise
 - "Before the Skies"
 - "Silent Night"

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
 - *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (Rom. 8:26-27 ESV)*
 - Prayer of Confession

- God's grace
 - *Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen. (Rom. 16:25-27 ESV)*
 - "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"
 - "Rejoice"

What We Believe: As a church we want to affirm our unity in what we believe.

- *We believe that God's eternal Son who is true and eternal God, took upon Him the very nature of man, of the flesh and blood of the Virgin Mary, by the operation of the Holy Spirit; that He might also be the true seed of David, like unto His brethren in all things, sin excepted. Amen. (Heidelberg Catechism Q. 35)*

Prayer: We bring our requests to the Lord through Jesus Christ.

Church Life/Greeting: In Christ, we live and fellowship together as believers. We take time to learn what is going on in our church, and to greet one another as we worship.

Prayer for Understanding: We pray that God will open our hearts and minds to the preaching of His Word.

Sermon:

- Mark 14:22-25

Lord's Supper: In taking communion together, we remember the death of Christ as we proclaim it to one another as we consume the elements.

- "Come to the Feast"

Praise to God (Doxology): We end our time of worship together as we resound in praises together.

- "Blest Be the Lamb"

God Blesses: We go into the world this week with God's blessings as He enables us to serve Him.

- *Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible. (Eph. 6:23-24 ESV)*

Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper

Mark 14:22-25

Pastor Martell Sánchez

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. In this week's text, we noticed Jesus pointing his disciples forward to his approaching death with his institution of the Lord's Supper (verses 22-24). For us looking back, how does the Lord's Supper remind us of our Lord's death?
2. In terms of our faith and walks with Jesus, why is it important for Christians today to be reminded of the cross of Christ?
3. We also noticed Jesus' great anticipation to drink the fruit of the vine once again in the future kingdom of God (verse 25). What is the last thing you can remember waiting for with lots of anticipation?
4. Why is it important for Christians today to not just remember the death of Christ, but to also look forward to—with deep desire and anticipation—the future kingdom of God?
5. How does this week's passage help you live with grateful remembrance and renewed anticipation?

Next Week: Guest Preacher