

Grace Hill Church

Grace flows from the cross of Christ

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Welcome

Prelude and Time for Reflection

Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song (see sheet)

Declaring What We Believe: Confession of Faith (Apostle's Creed, 4th c.)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand Of God the Father Almighty, from where He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen. (* Universal church)

Welcoming Each Other (Kids may go to their classrooms)

Giving Back to God: Offering

(Please use the tear off section on the back and place it in the offering plate so that we can let you know about upcoming events.)

Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading: Luke 10.25-37 (ESV)

Understanding God's Word and Our Lives: Sermon: *Can't Live Without Intermediaries*

Luke 10:25–37 (ESV)

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." ²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Outline

1. An unexpected Priest
2. How We are Called to be Priests
3. To Priest or Not to Priest



Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin
Public Reading

Merciful Father, when we consider how the lawyer tried to shrink your law to justify himself, but how your Son expanded the law to its full size, we realize how “lawyer-like” we are. We have two problems. We have tried to reduce your desires for us so we could meet them—thinking and acting like we can come to you without a priest. And as a result, shunning your mercy, we have also been weak in mercy to others, both in our actions and our attitudes. Forgive us for maligning your goodness and failing in the compassion you desire us to show.

Teach us to treasure Jesus, your Priest who fulfills your whole law for us. Since we indeed have true earthly and eternal inheritance through Him, enable us to hear the fullness of your call upon our lives. Let your mercy to us fuel our mercy to others. Help us to be priestly in this world.

Private Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8–9 (ESV)

Remembering Jesus with Bread and Cup: Lord’s Supper (Juice in the outer ring; wine in inner rings)

(The first and third Sundays of the month, we come forward as families, groups and individuals to receive the bread and cup and for a prayer of blessing. The second, fourth and fifth Sundays, we remain seated, with time to personally remember Jesus’ death and resurrection for us with the bread and cup. Whether you take the elements or not, we encourage you to either come forward for prayer or use the time for personal reflection about your relationship with Jesus.)

Responding with Song

Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction (“the good word”)

“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.” 2 Thess. 2: 16, 17

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Bread and Cup

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reason for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of your identity. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more wicked and sinful than I ever dared allow, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, to give me complete forgiveness and rightness with God. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, in joy I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Covenant Children (Not Yet Confirmed)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.



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