

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We Gather

Greetings

Prelude

*Opening Declarations

(based on 2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

**All: Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can
comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we
ourselves receive from God.**

Leader: For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ,
so also our comfort abounds through Christ. .

**All: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.**



*Hymns of Faith

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

Text: Isaac Watt, 1790

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

All Who are Thirsty

Text & Music: Brenton Brown

Come Lord Jesus come , come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come , come Lord Jesus come

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of his mercy
As deep cries out to deep (we sing)



We Go Out With Joy

*Closing Hymn:

My Redeemer

Words: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

I will sing of my Redeemer
and his wondrous love to me
on the cruel cross he suffered
From the curse to set me free.

Refrain:

Sing, o sing, of my Redeemer
With his blood he purchased me.
On the cross He sealed my pardon
Paid the debt and made me free

I will tell the wondrous story,
How my lost estate to save,
In His boundless love and mercy,
He the ransom freely gave. *Refrain*

I will praise my dear Redeemer,
His triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth
Over sin, and death, and hell. *Refrain*

I will sing of my Redeemer,
And His heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me,
Son of God with Him to be. *Refrain*

*Commissioning and Blessing



Jesus Messiah

Words: Ed Cash, Daniel Carson, Jessie Reeves, Chris Tomlin

**He became sin
Who knew no sin
That we might become His Righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross**

**Love so amazing
Love so amazing
Jesus Messiah
Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer
Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners
The ransom from Heaven
Jesus Messiah
Lord of all**

**His body the bread
His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled
And the veil was torn**

**Love so amazing
Love so amazing**

***Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. Amen.

**Come Lord Jesus come , come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come , come Lord Jesus come**

Holy Spirit come , Holy Spirit come

As deep cries out to deep, As deep cries out to deep

**Come Lord Jesus come , come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come , come Lord Jesus come**

***Invocation:**

God of all comfort,
indeed we are thirsty and wearied,
a desert of tumults is before us,
hills of disappointments are behind us,
on the horizon, we see mountains of workload, expectations,
anxieties and distresses.

Surely we are thirsty and burdened,
for we have wandered away from You,
and now we feel faithless and defeated
by evil and enemies surrounding;
so we lay our hearts before you,

God of all comfort,
Lord of Eternal Rest,
Spirit of Peace;
we invoke your presence:
Your Word, the ever-living water, is what we pant for

Come, O Lord,
Speak, O Lord.



We Listen to God's Word

"Speak, O Lord"

Text & Music: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail,
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Before the Throne of God

Words: Charitie L. Brancroft, 1863

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because a sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I am,
The King of glory and of grace!

One in himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God



The celebrant continues

The Gifts of God for the people of God; take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Songs:

Santo, Santo, Santo

Holy, Holy, Holy

Traditional

Argentine Folk Song

C Em/G G G/A Amin /G F G/F F/C C

San - to, San - to, San - to. Mi co - ra - zón te a - do ra. Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you. My

5 F G/F C G/B Am /G Dm⁷ G F/G C

co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart, is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly Lord.

Scripture Readings

Genesis 37: 1-24
Psalm 13: 1-4
Matthew 11:28-30
Psalm 13: 5-6
Genesis 37: 25-36

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "God's Meanwhile"

We Cry For Help

*Call to confession

Prayer of confession

Leader: Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that we have neglected your ways, your perfect, sovereign and eternal purposes.

People: **We confess that we have dwelt on our own questions and uncertainties.**

Leader: Gracious Lord, we acknowledge that we have failed to embrace the power of the cross in our sorrow and pain, disappointment and tribulation.

People: **We confess that we have failed to accept your shaping us through long-suffering, and mystery.**

Leader: Living Spirit, we admit that we have become complacent with ordinary situations and conditions, suspicious of unknown circumstances, deaf to the depth of your whispered wisdom.

People: **We confess that we have sought to provide our own answers. We want to control our own circumstances. Forgive us that we have compromised our challenges by our human endeavors instead of relying on the gift of eternal peace that you have bestowed upon us.**



***Silence**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: May the God of love, peace and joy forgive you and free you from your sins and anxieties, heal and strengthen you by his spirit and raise you to new life in Christ Jesus. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***The Peace**

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We Offer Our Prayers and Gifts

***Prayers of the People**

Leader: We offer our prayers together now, uniting our voices with Christ, who perfects our prayers.

Slowly Frank Fortunato

C G/C F/C F/G C G/C F/C Dm⁹ Gsus G Dm/C Gsus C

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Kyr - i - e, Kyr - i - e,

The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

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On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All sing: Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again!**

Behold, Lord, this Eucharist which you yourself gave to the church and graciously receive it, as you accept the offering of your Son whereby we are reinstated in your covenant. As we partake of Christ's body and blood, fill us with the Holy Spirit that we may be one single body and one single spirit in Christ, a living sacrifice to the praise of your glory.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;
People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Slowly Frank Fortunato

C G/C F/C F/G C G/C F/C Dm⁹ Gsus G Dm/C Gsus C

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Kyr - i - e, Kyr - i - e,

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of the IWS community...

Slowly Frank Fortunato

C G/C F/C F/G C G/C F/C Dm⁹ Gsus G Dm/C Gsus C

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Kyr - i - e, Kyr - i - e,

Leader: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Offertory

Tonight's offering will benefit The Urban Ministry Institute. Checks should be made payable to TUMI.

Leader: I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

TAKE O TAKE ME AS I AM

John Bell: Scotland

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

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*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures below
Alleuia, Alleuia
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleuia, Alleuia, Alleuia, Alleuia, Alleuia.

We Celebrate Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving:

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant:
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

