

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Opening

Opening Sentences

Officiant begins the service with one or more sentences of Scripture

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

Chiming the Trinity & Lighting Candles

As the candles on the altar are lit, you are each invited to light a candle on the table in front of you.

Opening Hymn #17

“O Worship the King”

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God, to set forth God’s praise, to hear God’s holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship, let us come in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept.

Officiant and People together, all standing

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant alone says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

All sit

The Invitatory and Psalter

Versicle and Response

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People sing (Hymn #35)

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, Amen.

Invitatory Psalm: Venite

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Venite sung by Officiant and People (see insert). Then follows

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Psalms Appointed

Spoken antiphonally

Psalm 148

We sing your praises, LORD!

From every corner of the universe,
from high and low, near and far,
we join the chorus of praise!

With the angels and all who serve you in heaven,
we sing your praises!

With the sun and moon, stars and planets,
we sing your praises!

With far flung galaxies and the milky way,
we sing your praises!

All of them speak of you in glowing terms, LORD,
for they owe their very existence to you.

You ordered their creation
and fixed them in place for all time.

We sing your praises, LORD!

Every creature on earth joins the choir,
singing your praises for all they're worth:
dolphins and whales and the ocean itself;

bushfire and hail storm, snow and ice,
cyclones dancing to your tune;

mountain ranges and rolling hills,
orchards and rainforests,

animals from both bush and farm,
reptiles and birds;

people of every race and class,
people of power and influence;

men and women, old and young,
every voice on earth joins as one!

At the end of the Psalms is sung Gloria Patri (Hymn #35)

Glorify 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, Amen.

The Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson

A reading from Jeremiah chapter 29 verses 1, 4-14, New Revised Standard Version.

¹These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

One and all, we sing your praises, LORD,
yours is the only name on our lips!
You alone outshine the glory of the universe!

You have given strength to your people,
and honour to your faithful ones,
to those you have chosen
and hold close to your heart.

You, LORD, are the greatest!

Psalm 150

All praise to you, LORD!

We sing your praises in the house of worship;
we sing your praises in the open air!

We give you all the credit for the amazing things
you have done;
we openly declare that your greatness
is in a league of its own!

The bands strike up with songs dedicated to you,
making every kind of music in your honour.

For you, the haunting sounds of the didgeridoo!
For you, the jazz band's wailing horns!

For you, a funky bass riff!

For you, the fieriest fiddles!

For you, screaming guitars!

For you, drums and cymbals!

For you, a polished choir!

For you, a full-blooded orchestra!

All who can breathe, sing;
all who can stand, dance;
and all to sound your praises, LORD!

All praise to you, LORD of all!

⁸For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, ⁹for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. ¹⁰For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept

First Canticle Hymn #33

“How Great Thou Art”

The New Testament Lesson

A paraphrase of Acts chapter 16 verses 9-15 from Laughing Bird Scripture, Australia.

One night Paul had a vision of a Macedonian man urgently beckoning him from across the sea and calling, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

The vision confirmed to us that God was calling us to expand our horizons into Europe and to preach the good news there. We immediately began making inquiries about booking our passage across. We managed to get berths on a ship sailing from Troas. It made a direct run for Samothrace, and then on to Neapolis the next day. From there we took the road inland to the Roman garrison-town of Philippi. Philippi is a major regional city in that part of Macedonia, and we stayed there for several days.

We heard that there was a spot on the riverside just outside the city where people gathered for prayer, so on the Sabbath day we went down there. A group of women gathered there and we sat and talked with them for some time. Among those who were keen to hear what we had to say was a woman named Lydia from the city of Thyatira. She was a worshipper of God and ran a business dealing in top-quality textiles. The Lord gave her an open heart and mind and she responded eagerly to the message Paul shared with them. She and her whole household were subsequently baptized. She put the hard word on us, saying, “If you think my faith in the Lord is for real, then come and stay in my home for a few days.”

We hadn't been planning to stay, but she talked us into it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept

Second Canticle Hymn #233

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

The Gospel

An Australian paraphrase of the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 10 verses 1-11, 16-20.

Taking charge, Jesus selected a large group of his followers – as many of them as there were nations in the world – and sent them off in pairs as advance parties into all the towns and districts he was planning to pass through.

He gave them the following instructions: “The world is an orchard, groaning under a bumper crop, ripe and ready for picking; but there are hardly any workers ready to bring it in. So get in touch with the Lord of the crop, and put in an urgent request for more workers to be sent out to do the picking. Now, on your bikes! And keep your eyes open, because on this job you will be like children swimming among the sharks. Travel light and live simply – no carting luggage around and no wasting time swapping travel stories with everyone you bump into on the road. If anyone invites you to stay in their home, pray openly for God to bless their household with peace. If they are peace-loving people, they will benefit from your prayer. If they are not, you haven't lost anything. Stay in the same house until it's time to move on. As workers, you've earned your keep, so eat and

drink whatever your hosts provide, and don't go fussing about dietary customs. No shopping around for a better place!

"If you arrive in a town and the locals welcome you, be gracious guests and accept their hospitality, whether their food appeals to you or not. Heal anyone in the town who is sick, and announce that the culture of God is close at hand among them. If you arrive in a town and the locals refuse to welcome you, then stand in the main street and say, 'We are scratching your name off our map because of what you have done. The culture of God has come within reach right here, but you've shut it out.'

"Whoever listens to what you have to say is listening to me. Those who give you the cold shoulder are giving me the cold shoulder, and if they're giving me the cold shoulder they are doing the same to the One who sent me."

So off they went in pairs, the whole group of them, and when they returned they were ecstatic. "Lord," they said, "when we called the shots on your authority, even the demons fell into line!"

Jesus replied, "Yes, I was watching, and I saw the satan knocked off his perch and fall out of the sky like a bolt of lightning. You see, the world is full of snakes and sharks, but I have given you the ability to stand against them, and against all the power of the enemy, and they can do you no real harm. All the same, the most exciting news for you is not that evil will give way to you, but that your names are on the books in the pay office of heaven."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Creed

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

The People stand or kneel

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages

Leader: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

Response: **And grant us your salvation.**

Leader: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Response: Let your people sing with joy.
Leader: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
Response: For only in you can we live in safety.
Leader: Lord, keep this nation under your care;
Response: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Leader: Let your way be known upon earth;
Response: Your saving health among all nations.
Leader: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Response: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
Response: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collects

Collect of the Day: Pentecost, proper 24

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All may be seated.

Hymn #306

“Hear Our Prayer”

Prayers and Intercessions

Officiant

We come to a time of sharing of the joys and concerns of this body of Christ gathered.

All are invited to share as led

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Ending

Closing Hymn #464

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Benediction

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP NEWS

Mark will be away four Sundays, during which we will have a few guest worship leaders along with some different liturgical traditions to experience. This morning's service is adapted from Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two from *The Book of Common Prayer* of the Episcopal Church. Rev. Tripp Hudgins will be with us October 31, which is also a joint worship with CHUMC, and the Revs. Chris & Kim Crowley will join us November 7. We are excited for new voices and practices and are pleased Mark gets a change of pace as well!

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Seeking to learn both about and from the stories of the Bible, this group gathers each Thursday morning from 10-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join anytime! If you would like to participate via Zoom on any given week, please contact Don Polaski (804-938-1789 or dcpolaski@gmail.com) before 9am that Thursday.

COLLECT THOSE TAB TOPS!

Save your tab tops from drink cans as well as from vegetable and meat cans to support Ronald McDonald House. Collection bins can be found in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday morning.

WEEKEND BACKPACK MINISTRY UPDATE

Backpacking is off to a good start! We are presently packing for **30 GPES students!** We have monthly coordinators through 2021, but still need some for 2022. If this is something you might consider, call Dixie (804-380-2529)! Keep saving your handled grocery bags & bring them to the church office. And continue your donations! Dollars collected now will fund this ministry in 2022-2023!!! Thank you all for the part you play in making this happen for these students!

METRO RICHMOND AT PRAYER

Since March 2006, more than 470 churches in Metropolitan Richmond have joined in covenant to pray together weekly for the 1.2 million people who live in metro Richmond. GPBC has joined in this Covenant of Prayer, which began its fifteenth year on March 1, 2021. You can learn more and read the weekly prayers at www.metroprayrva.org.

During October, we pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond. For the week of October 17, we pray for all who suffer from addiction, dependency or co-dependency of any sort; for twelve-step programs, recovery programs, therapists, and addiction counselors.

HYMN TEXTS

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#17 “O Worship the King”

O worship the King all glorious above, and gratefully sing God's wonderful love, our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

How great is your might! How steadfast your grace! Your robe is the light; your canopy, space; your chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, in majesty riding the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your power has founded of old, established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

#33 “How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

#306 “Hear Our Prayer”

Hear our prayer, O Lord,
hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us,
and grant us thy peace. Amen.

233 “Crown Him...”

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem
drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may
cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall no end,
and round his pieced feet
fair flowers of paradise
extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

464 “God of Grace...”

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour (x2).

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days (x2).

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy righteous goal (x2).

Set our feet on lofty places;
fill our lives that we may be
strengthened with all Christ-like graces
pledges to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we fail our call from thee (x2).

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore (x2).