

Order of Worship
September 11, 2022

Gathering Music Lord Have Mercy

1 Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief. Renew the fire again

Chorus

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me

2 I have built an altar where I've worshipped things of man
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You

Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again.

Chorus

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on me

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on me

3 I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies

Like a river of forgiveness, ever flowing without end

So I bow my heart before You, in the goodness of Your presence

Your grace forever shining, like a beacon in the night

Chorus

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on me

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on me

Ending

Lord have mercy Lord have mercy on us
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Welcome

Rev. Barbara Macfie

Call To Worship (Based on Luke 15:1-10)

Liturgist

(posted on the Presbyterian Church in Canada website. <http://presbyterian.ca/worship/>).

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

**All: God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us
and waste the gifts we have been given.**

God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.

**All: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;
let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;**

Let us worship God together.

Hymn

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

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1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.

In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

2 Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh. [Refrain]

3 Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all. [Refrain]

4 Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him. [Refrain]

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Confession

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Knowing that God will protect us, give us strength and love, while we persist in falling short of God's glory, love and hope for us, let us now join together to offer God those

times we need Christ's help to be the people and the Church we are called to be. Pray with me:

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

Lord, you know our inmost being. You know all that we are, all that we know, all that we think, and all that we believe. When those thoughts, beliefs, ideas and beings turn from you, we long to be placed back on Your path. We pray that our lives might be a never-ending offering to you, and that our sin might lead to more ways to learn and grow closer to your hopes for us. Cleanse us of our sin; turn our thoughts and feet ever toward Your Way. We pray this together in the name of your Son Jesus. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

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The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

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, Amen.**

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading from Psalms

Psalm 51:-1-10

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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10

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Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after

the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

8 "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins[a] and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Sermon

"Lost in Sin"

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Anthem

Coming Home

Westminster Choir

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

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The Jesus Creed. (*The Jesus Creed was first used at the Emergent Convention, Nashville, May 2004. © Brian McLaren*)

We have confidence in Jesus who healed the sick, the blind, and the paralyzed. And even raised the dead. He cast out evil powers and confronted corrupt leaders. He cleansed the temple. He favored the poor. He turned water into wine, walked on

water, calmed storms. He died for the sins of the world, rose from the dead, and ascended to the Father, sent the Holy Spirit. We have confidence in Jesus who taught in word and example, sign and wonder. He preached parables of the kingdom of God on hillsides, from boats, in the temple, in homes, at banquets and parties, along the road, on beaches, in towns, by day and by night. He taught the way of love for God and neighbor, for stranger and enemy, for outcast and alien. We have confidence in Jesus, who called disciples, led them, gave them new names and new purpose and sent them out to preach good news. He washed their feet as a servant. He walked with them, ate with them, called them friends, rebuked them, encouraged them, promised to leave and then return, and promised to be with them always. He taught them to pray. He rose early to pray, stole away to desolate places, fasted and faced agonizing temptations, wept in a garden, and prayed, 'Not my will but your will be done.' He rejoiced, he sang, he feasted, he wept. We have confidence in Jesus, so we follow him, learn his ways, seek to obey his teaching and live by his example. We walk with him, walk in him, abide in him, as a branch in a vine. We have not seen him, but we love him. His words are to us words of life eternal, and to know him is to know the true and living God. We do not see him now, but we have confidence in Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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Invitation To The Offertory

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We invite you at this time to share God's abundance—in person, online, or in any way that you feel called to do so. To love our neighbors as ourselves calls us both to pray for them and to act in accordance with our prayers. Our offerings today are one way we respond to our calling to do good works, through the ministries of this community of faith.

Offertory

Doxolog

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Offertory Prayer

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God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of
my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction

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Postlude

Steve Johnson