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Loving God. Loving People.
Growing in Christ Together.

Leading: The Rev. Dr. Patrick McManus

Welcome:

The Greeting:

Leader: The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

A candle is lit.

Leader: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

Opening Prayer:

Leader: God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you.
Amen.

Song of Praise:

Almighty

Chris Tomlin

Verse 1:

You have no rival, You stand alone
The heavens worship, Before Your throne
There is no one like You
You have no equal, Your Kingdom reigns
Yours is the highest of every name
There is no one like you

Chorus:

Almighty

We're standing in the presence of Your majesty

You're Holy

You alone, the sovereign crown of royalty

You're the King of Kings

Almighty

Verse 2:

Our God eternal, the great I AM

The praise of angels, Will never end

There is no one like You

Eyes like fire, Face like the sun

A voice like thunder

Who was and is and is to come

Chorus**Bridge x2:**

I see the Holy One high and exalted

I hide my eyes and I tremble before Him

I tremble before Him

Chorus**Ending:**

Almighty, Almighty

Bible Reading:

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord! I will thank the Lord with all my heart
as I meet with his godly people.

How amazing are the deeds of the Lord!

All who delight in him should ponder them.

Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty.
His righteousness never fails.

**He causes us to remember his wonderful works.
How gracious and merciful is our Lord!**

He gives food to those who fear him;
he always remembers his covenant.

**He has shown his great power to his people
by giving them the lands of other nations.**

All he does is just and good,
and all his commandments are trustworthy.

**They are forever true,
to be obeyed faithfully and with integrity.**

He has paid a full ransom for his people.
He has guaranteed his covenant with them forever.
What a holy, awe-inspiring name he has!

**Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom.
All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom.**

Praise him forever! **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Bible Reading:
Mark 1:21-28

“Jesus and his companions went to the town of Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, he went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike the teachers of religious law. Suddenly, a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, “Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” But Jesus reprimanded him. “Be quiet! Come out of the man,” he ordered. At that, the evil spirit screamed, threw the man into a convulsion, and then came out of him.

Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. "What sort of new teaching is this?" they asked excitedly. "It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!" The news about Jesus spread quickly throughout the entire region of Galilee."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Talk:
The Rev. Brian Suggs

Response to God's Word:
*After hearing the scriptures read and hearing more about them during
‘the talk’, we respond with our beliefs about who God is.*

All: **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.**

Song of Praise:
No Longer Slaves
Bethel Music

Verse 1:

You unravel me, with a melody
You surround me with a song
of deliverance, from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus:

I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God

Verse 2:

From my Mother's womb, You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again, into a family
Your blood flows through my veins

Chorus

Bridge:

Oh oh, oh oh oh,
Oh oh, oh oh oh
You split the sea, so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me, so I could stand and sing
I am child of God, I am child of God

Chorus

Prayer:

This is a time to bring those people and things that are on our hearts and minds to God. Intercessions (prayers said for others) are offered and we end by saying the prayer that Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer.

We pray to the Lord who always hears us.

Father in Heaven, thank you for your great love, for your never ending mercy and your lavish grace. You have made us your own by sending your Son, Jesus Christ. Now we hear you calling us to lives of faith that honour you. Help us to faithfully follow you, we pray.

You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God. **May our love for our brothers and sisters be strengthened by your grace.**

You have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell. *[take a moment to ask God's forgiveness and confess your sins]*

O God, give us clean hands and pure hearts, so that our lives will reflect your holiness.

You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you. *[take a moment to pray for those you know and don't know who aren't yet followers of Jesus]*

O God, may our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all.

You have called us as members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together. *[take a moment to pray for those are sick, alone, poor, homeless, or hungry]*

O God, we ask for your help, comfort, and healing power to bring hope to those who are sick and in need this day.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, **hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever.**

Amen.

Leader: Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

All: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Peace:

*Just as we've made peace with God through confession, this
is an opportunity to make peace with one another. You're
invited to greet one another.*

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

People: **And also with you.**

Communion:

Leader: The Lord is here.

People: **His Spirit is with us.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all
creation; in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us, but
came to meet us in your Son.

All: **You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

Leader: In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

All: **He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Leader: On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for
you; do this in remembrance of me.

All: **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

Leader: At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the
new covenant, which is shed for you for the
forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

All: **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

Leader: As we proclaim his death and celebrate his
rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this
bread and this wine may be to us the body and
blood of your dear Son.

All: **As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

*All are invited to come forward. Those who are baptised can extend their
hands to receive the bread and wine. Those not yet baptised can cross
their arms over their chest to receive a blessing.*

Prayer after Communion:

Leader: Lord, we have broken your bread
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise:

Bless God

Brandon Lake, Brooke Ligertwood, Cody Carnes

Verse 1:

Blessed are those who run to Him
Who place their hope and confidence
In Jesus
He won't forsake them

Verse 2:

Blessed are those who seek His face
Who bend their knee and fix their gaze
On Jesus
They won't be shaken

Half-Chorus:

Come on and praise the Lord with me
Sing if you love His name
Come on and lift your voice with me
He's worthy of all our praise

Verse 3:

Blessed are those who walk with Him
Whose hearts are set on pilgrimage
With Jesus
They'll see his glory

Verse 4:

Blessed are those who die to live
Whose joy it is to give it all
For Jesus
And for him only, Oh Jesus
All for your glory

Chorus:

Come on and praise the Lord with me
Sing if you love His name
Come on and lift your voice with me
He's worthy of all our praise
Come on and bring your offering
Sing if you've known His grace
Come on and lift up your holy hands
He's worthy of all our praise

Bridge:

Bless God in the sanctuary
Bless God in the fields of plenty
Bless God in the darkest valley
Every chance I get
I bless your name
Bless God when my hands are empty
Bless God with a praise that costs me
Bless God when nobody's watching
Every chance I get
I bless your name
Bless God when the weapon's forming
Bless God when the walls are falling
Bless God 'cause He goes before me
Every chance I get
I bless your name
Bless God for He holds the victory
Bless God for he's always with me
Bless God for he's always worthy
Every chance I get; I bless your name

Chorus

Ending:

Oh, he's worthy of all our praise

Oh, he's worthy of all our praise

Closing Prayer:

Leader: **Heavenly Father,
we share together the blessing of your presence.
Give us in this life knowledge of your truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Blessing:

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
teach you to walk in his way more fully,
to accept his truth more faithfully,
and to share his life more lovingly;
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may come as one family to the kingdom of the
Father. And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

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