

CCTP Order of Service

18 February 2024

Lent 1

[Dinner begins with “As We Gather” and open-prayer.]

1. Entrance

[Singing + Standing] Psalm 134

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands to the holy place

and bless the Lord!

The Lord bless you,

He who made heaven and earth!

Songs.

2. Purification

[Singing] The Lenten Hymn: First Sunday, Part 1

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
have mercy on me a sinner.

See, we are going up to Jerusalem
where the Son of Man will be crucified.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
have mercy on me a sinner.**

O Christ, with Blind Bartimaeus we beg:
heal us, that we may follow You.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
have mercy on me a sinner.**

Psalm 24

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in His holy place?

The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things,
who has not sworn deceitful words.

O God, be merciful to me a sinner. (3x)

[Silence for examination.]

Psalm 130 + Verses¹

Lord, have mercy on me;
heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord;

Lord, hear my voice!

O let Your ears be attentive

¹ Psalm 41:4; 79:9; Genesis 3:19; Psalm 103:13, 14; 113:14; and Galatians 2:20.

to the sound of my pleadings.

Help us, O God our savior,
for the sake of the glory of Your name:
free us and forgive us our sins.

**If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with You is found forgiveness,
that You may be revered.**

For we are dust, and to dust we shall return.
But the Lord's compassion is on those who fear Him.

**I long for You, O Lord,
my soul longs for His word.
My soul awaits the Lord
more than watchmen for daybreak.**

For He knows of what we are made;
He remembers that we are dust.

**More than watchmen for daybreak,
let Israel hope for the Lord.
For with the Lord there is mercy,
in Him is plentiful redemption.**

From the dust He lifts up the lowly,
from the ash heap He raises the poor.

**It is He who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.**

For I have been crucified with Christ.
It is no longer I who live,
but Christ who lives in me.

And the life I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God
who loved me and gave Himself for me.

3. Illumination²

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth,
Who are in all places and fill all things,
Treasury of Good and Giver of Life:
Come and abide in us.
Cleanse us from every stain
and save our souls, O Good One.

[Standing] The Blessing

Let us stand, for it is time for the Lord to act.
Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

[A woman places Communion on the table and lights the candles.]

[Singing]

O Gladsome Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

² Or "Ascension," for his is where we ascend and enter into the heavenly realm. The candle symbolizes this entrance and our offering of thanksgiving is our gift.

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing Your praises, O God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times
to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Lenten Prayer of St. Ephraim

O Lord and Master of my life,
do not give to me the spirit of laziness,
faintheartedness, lust for power, and idle talk.
O God, cleanse me, a sinner.
But give to me, Your servant,
the spirit of purity, humility, patience, and love.
O God, cleanse me, a sinner.
O Lord and King,
grant me to see my own faults and not to judge my brother,
for blessed are You unto ages of ages.
O God, cleanse me, a sinner.

Psalms 3

How many are my foes, O Lord!
How many are rising up against me!
How many are saying about me,
"There is no salvation for him in God."

How many are my foes, O Lord!

How many are rising up against me!

But You, Lord, are a shield about me,

my glory, who lift up my head.

I cry aloud to the Lord.

From His holy mountain He answers me.

How many are my foes, O Lord!

How many are rising up against me!

I lie down, I sleep and I wake,

for the Lord upholds me.

I will not fear even thousands of people

who are ranged on every side against me.

Arise, Lord;

save me, my God,

You who strike all my foes on the cheek,

You who break the teeth of the wicked!

Salvation belongs to the Lord;

may Your blessing be on your people!

How many are my foes, O Lord!

How many are rising up against me!

[Singing] The Lenten Hymn: First Sunday, Part 2

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
have mercy on me a sinner.

You who healed our will in the wilderness, O Christ:

destroy in us in this great fast the works of the devil.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,

have mercy on me a sinner.

Free us, as we join You who fasted for our sake,
from the passions of gluttony, greed, and vainglory.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God,
have mercy on me a sinner.**

Matthew 4:1-11

The Creed: Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus:

Though He was in the form of God,
He did not count equality with God

a thing to be grasped,

but emptied Himself,

taking the form of a servant,

and being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form,

He humbled Himself

by becoming obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted Him

and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Greeting: Christ is among us! Let us greet one another.

Sermon.

3. Communion

[Singing]

You hear us calling, You hear us calling, Abba Father. (2x)
Lord have mercy! Christ have mercy! (2x)

Prayers.

[Standing + Singing] The Offering: Psalm 141

I have called to You, O Lord.
Hear me Lord!

O make haste to help me, Lord.

Hear me Lord!

Hear my voice; I cry to You.

Hear me Lord!

**Let my prayer be as incense before You,
the raising of my hands like the evening offering.**

The Lord's Prayer

Thank You, Most High God, that You hear us;
and that through Christ we may call You our Father,
and as one, pray:

Our Father...

Thanksgiving for the Cup [Raising the Cup]

We give You thanks, our Father,
for the Holy Vine of Your servant David
which You revealed to us through Your servant Jesus —
the True Vine, in whom we bear fruit.

To You be glory forever!

Thanksgiving for the Bread [Raising the Bread]

We give You thanks, our Father,
for Your life and knowledge
which You revealed to us through Your servant Jesus —
the Bread of Life, given for the life of the world.

To You be glory forever!

[The Bread is broken.]

Just as this broken bread was scattered over the hills as grain
and has been gathered together and made one;
so may Your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom.

Gather us into Your kingdom. Amen.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Since we have a great High Priest — Jesus, the Son of God —
who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin:
let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

[Congregation receives and partakes in Holy Communion during the song.³]

Thanksgiving for Communion

We give You thanks, our Father,
for You have fed us with the life of Christ.

May we be healed, body and soul;
made us partakers of Your divine nature;
and rescued from the corruption of sin.

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
for His mercy endures forever!

O give thanks to the God of gods, for He is good;
for His mercy endures forever!

O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for He is good;
for His mercy endures forever!

4. Benediction

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do not give to me the spirit of laziness,

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O God, cleanse me, a sinner.

But give to me, Your servant,
the spirit of purity, humility, patience, and love.

O God, cleanse me, a sinner.

O Lord and King,
grant me to see my own faults and not to judge my brother,
for blessed are You unto ages of ages.

O God, cleanse me, a sinner.

The Mystery of Faith

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Maranatha!

Announcements:

- Progressive House Blessing
- Last-Sunday Potlucks: next week!
- Prayer: Sunday, 4pm
- Home fellowships: Wednesday 28 Feb
- Agape Box

[Standing and Singing] The Benediction⁴

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.

⁴ “God’s presence is never neutral; the result of engaging him must ever be either blessing or judgment. Meeting with God through the way he has opened leads to benediction, while approaching YHWH through a manner he himself has not ordained results in judgment. One reason why this is so is because the unclean cannot come into contact with the holy without being destroyed.” (L. Michael Morales, *Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord?: A Biblical Theology of the Book of Leviticus*, 140.)

May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.