

# CCTP Order of Service

*10 March 2024*

*Lent 4 (Bread of Heaven)*

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

## 1. Entrance

*[Singing + Standing] Psalm 134*

**C**ome, 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*

**L**et us go 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.**

And with Blind Bartimaeus, let us cry for mercy;  
that we may know Christ and follow Him.

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

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in His holy place?

The clean of hands and pure of heart.

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

*[Silent repentance.]*

*Psalm 130 + Verses<sup>1</sup>*

**L**ord, 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  
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,**

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

**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. Illumination<sup>2</sup>

*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*

**L**et us stand, for it is time for the Lord to act.  
Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and 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!  
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.

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

**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.**

*Psalm 88*

**O** Lord and God of my salvation,  
I cry before You day and night.  
Let my prayer come forth to Your presence.  
Incline Your ear to my cry.  
For my soul is filled with evils;  
my life is on the brink of Sheol.  
**I am reckoned as one who goes down to the pit;  
I am like a warrior without strength,  
like one roaming among the dead,  
like the slain who lie in the grave,  
like those You remember no more,  
cut off, as they are, from Your hand.**  
You have laid me in the depths of the pit,  
in regions that are dark and deep.  
Your anger weighs down upon me;  
I am drowned beneath Your waves.  
**O Lord and God of my salvation,  
I cry before You day and night.**  
**You have taken away my friends;  
to them You have made me hateful.**  
**Imprisoned, I cannot escape;**

**my eyes are sunken with grief.**  
**I call to You, Lord, all day long;**  
**to You I stretch out my hands.**  
Will You work Your wonders for the dead?  
Will the shades rise up to praise You?  
O Lord and God of my salvation,  
I cry before You day and night.  
From the grave, who can tell of Your mercy?  
From the place of perdition, Your faithfulness?  
Will Your wonders be known in the dark,  
in the land of oblivion, Your uprightness?  
**But I, O Lord, cry out to You;**  
**in the morning my prayer comes before You.**  
**Why do You reject me, O Lord?**  
**Why do You hide Your face from me?**  
I am wretched, close to death from my youth.  
I have borne Your trials; I am numb.  
Your fury has swept down upon me;  
Your terrors have utterly destroyed me.  
**They surround me all the day like a flood;**  
**together they close in against me.**  
**Friend and neighbor You have taken away:**  
**my one companion is darkness.**

*John 6:1-14*

*[Singing] The Lenten Hymn: Second Sunday*

**T**hough we deserve death for our evil deeds,  
comfort us with Your grace  
and relieve us with Your mercy.

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

As Moses fed Israel in the wilderness of Sinai,  
feed us, Your sheep, in the wilderness of this world  
until we reach the promises of our New Jerusalem.

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

Feed us not with the bread of earth,  
which is too little to for our great need;  
but with the Bread of Heaven.

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

*The Creed: Philippians 2:5-11*

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

**T**hough 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]*

**Y**ou hear us calling, You hear us calling, Abba Father. (2x)  
**L**ord 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*

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

**Our Father...**

*Psalm 116:12–13 [Taking the Cup]*

**H**ow can I repay the Lord  
for all His goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the name of the Lord.

*Thanksgiving for the Cup [Raising the Cup]*

**W**e 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]*

**W**e 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.]*

**J**ust 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.

*The Invitation to Holy Communion*

**S**ince 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.<sup>3</sup>]*

*Thanksgiving for Communion*

**W**e give You thanks, our Father,  
for You have fed us with the life of Christ.  
May we be healed, body and soul;  
made partakers of Your divine nature;  
and rescued from the corruption of sin.

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<sup>3</sup> A blessing may be said over each recipient as the bread is received.

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

*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.**

*The Mystery of Faith*

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

*Announcements:*

- Progressive House Blessing: this Saturday; all welcome!
- Prayer: Sunday, 4pm. Pray for the growth and direction of our church!
- Michael's Hearing God experience
- Home fellowships: Wednesday 20 March.
- Agape Box

*[Standing and Singing] The Benediction<sup>4</sup>*

**M**ay the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,  
wherever He may send you.

**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.**

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<sup>4</sup> "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.)