

## **BEVERLY HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

# The Pattern of Worship

Because Jesus Christ was raised from the dead on the first day of the week, the church has always gathered to worship on Sunday ("the Lord's Day"; cf. John 20:1,19,26, Acts 20:7, etc.) in celebration of Christ's resurrection and victory over death. Christians gather at many different times throughout the week, but Lord's Day worship is the essential fountainhead from which all other Christian worship, service, and fellowship flow.

The patterns seen throughout Scripture inform our Lord's Day worship. Scripture has much to say as to how the church should worship. Worship is much more than a matter of preference.

The pattern of our liturgy follows the basic biblical structure of sacrificial worship. This pattern is found in both old and new covenant Scriptures, but perhaps the clearest place to see this shape is in Leviticus 9, the first corporate worship service at the newly constructed tabernacle.

While Jesus abolished animal sacrifice, He did not abrogate the way of sacrifice (e.g., Rom. 12:1-2; Heb. 13:15, etc.). New covenant worship is still described in sacrificial categories and the church is described as the true temple. As Augustine observed, whatever is fulfilled in Christ (the Head) is also fulfilled in the ongoing life of the church (Christ's body). Therefore, in Christ, our worship service represents the fulfillment and transformation of old covenant liturgical types. The basic pattern is as follows:

**The Lord Gathers Us**: The people are called to worship (Lev. 9:5). Our worship is a response to God's summons. He always takes the initiative. We draw near only because He first invites us.

The Lord Cleanses Our Sin: The sin offering (Lev. 9:15) highlights confession of sin and absolution. Without an initial confession of sin, we are worshipping God with unclean hands and lips. But having been washed, we may enter God's presence.

The Lord Sanctifies Our Lives: The ascension offering (Lev. 9:16) corresponds to our entrance into God's heavenly sanctuary (cf. Heb. 10:19ff) and consecration. The ascension offering consists in a burst of sung praise, since we have received cleansing and access to God's throne room. We enter God's courts with thanksgiving and joy. This offering also includes the reading and preaching of the Word, as we are consecrated to God's service by His truth (Jn. 17:17; Heb. 4:12).

The Lord Receives Our Gifts and Hearts: The tribute offering (Lev. 9:17) follows, represented by the collection of tithes and offerings. We offer ourselves in the ascension offering; we offer our lives, our hearts and our prayers in the tribute offering. Our lives are not acceptable to God apart from the blood sacrifice of Christ, but in Christ, God accepts us and the fruit of our labors.

The Lord Meets Us at the Table: The peace offering was at the center of every feast and festival in the old covenant and is the climax of the liturgy (Lev. 9:18-21). This offering is the communion meal we eat in God's presence. The Lord's Supper, of course, is our peace offering in the new covenant, as God shares His table with us.

The Lord Scatters Us into the World: Finally, we are commissioned. We are sent out with God's benediction (Lev. 9:22-23). At the tabernacle, Aaron raised his hands and blessed the people as he dismissed them (Num. 6:22-27). We are sent out to serve God in the world, carrying His blessing as we go.

# BEVERLY HEIGHTS TOGETHER

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Administrative Assistant

Psalm Singing Instruction

#### THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Purify My Heart

Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Nelson

The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum. Please refrain from clapping unless led to do so.

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always!

People: And again I say rejoice!

Congregational Introit Psalm 98A

v. 1

Oh, Sing a New Song to the Lord

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Psalm of Praise **16C** 

vv. 1-3

Preserve Me, O God

Responsive Reading

Psalm 148

Leader:

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise His, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars! Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

People:

Let them praise the name of the LORD! For He commanded and they were created. And He established them forever and ever; He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

Leader:

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

People:

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints, for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the LORD!

#### THE LORD CLEANSES OUR SIN

Unison Confession of Sin from Psalm 7

O LORD my God, if I have done this, if there is wrong in my hands, if I have repaid my friend with evil or plundered my enemy without cause, let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it, and let Him trample my life to the ground and lay my glory in the dust. If a man does not repent, God will whet His sword; He has bent and readied His bow; He has prepared for Him His deadly weapons, making His arrows fiery shafts.

Silent Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Unison Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come 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.

Psalm of Praise **16C** vv. 4, 5 Preserve Me, O God

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

New Testament Lesson: Acts 3:11-26

Pastor Devlin

## Rejoice and Sing Elissa Winkler, mezzo-soprano; Chad Winkler, piano

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you cast off my sadness and clothed me with joy!

Rejoice, O Daughter Zion, and sing, and sing! The Lord is in your midst, a great defender who saves.

O rejoice, rejoice and sing! Rejoice, O Daughter Zion, and sing, and sing!

The Lord is with you. The Lord shall be your strength. O rejoice and sing new song!

The Lord shall delight in you. God shall renew you in love and rejoice over you in song!

Rejoice, O Daughter Zion, and sing, and sing!

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Congregational Response No. 731

Doxology



Children ages preschool and younger are dismissed to the Nursery, Walkabouts Room or Runabouts Room. All other children remain in worship with their families.

Scripture Reading Psalm 51:1-19

Sermon

Joy on the Other Side No Repentance, No Joy Dr. Kyle David Bennett

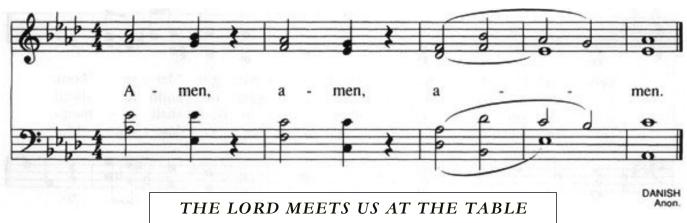
#### THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

To a Wild Rose Hudson Winkler, piano **MacDowell** 

Pastoral Prayer

Threefold Amen



#### Words of Institution and and Examination of Conscience

All true believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including those from other congregations, are a part of the true Church and are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper. As we come to the table we rejoice as we remember our need to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord, to repent of sin, and to covenant once more to live as followers of Jesus. Those who are ignorant in their knowledge of Christ or who are living ungodly and unrepentant lives should refrain from the table. Baptized children may be admitted to the Lord's Supper provided their parents have appeared before the Pastor or Session to share their child's profession of faith, in a manner acceptable to the Session.

#### Invitation and Coming to the Table

Those who are unable to come to the table will be served in the pew. Please note that the smaller communion plate contains gluten-free bread.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Psalm 98B

v. 4

Oh, Sing a New Song to the Lord

Benediction

Postlude Sonata in D Major Smith

# Why Sing in Parts?

## An essay written by the Douglas Wilson

Another notable thing about [a] worship service...is that we are interested in learning how to sing "in parts." It is a testimony to the damage that has been done in the realm of church music over the last few decades that many young Christians don't even know what that means. This has largely come about as the result of two things—guitar accompaniment in worship and singing from overhead projectors.

In the older psalters and hymnals, there are usually four parts written out—the soprano, the alto, the tenor, and the bass, but on overhead projectors, usually the lyrics are the only thing available. This means that the congregation is forced into singing melody only, and sometimes there can be some trouble finding that. And while it is of course possible to sing harmony to guitar accompaniment, these parts are not usually written out (the way they are for piano) and are therefore not readily available for worshipers.

There are two basic reasons why we want to learn how to sing in parts this way. The first is that higher levels of musicianship (on the part of the whole congregation) give us more scope when it comes to glorifying God. We sing to Him because He is worthy (Rev. 4:11), and if He is worthy, then we should offer the best we can give him. We should seek to worship Him with skill (Ps. 33:3), as much skill as we have. And this is not something that is beyond the reach of ordinary people—the mere existence of so many hymnals and psalters with all four parts written out is a testimony to former times when there was a much higher level of musical literacy in Christian congregations.

The second reason is that this is a glorious way to testify to our Trinitarian faith. Musical harmony is one of the best illustrations available for unity in diversity and diversity in unity. Many voices coming together as one provide an embodiment of love, which is to say, an embodiment of triune life.

And actually, there is a third reason as well. Singing this way is beautiful, and immensely rewarding to those who are privileged to participate in it.

Having said all this, we should hasten to add that we don't believe that our congregations have "arrived," not by a long shot. This is a hard thing to do, and our congregations struggle with these and related musical issues. All we are saying here is that we think such a struggle is worth it.

## An excerpt from Resounding Truth by Jeremy Begbie

Today we are so used to linking music to creating moods, entertainment, or immediate pleasure—in other words, we see it in entirely human terms—that it is hard to think of music in any other way, let alone that its fabled powers might be linked to the patterns of the physical world at large and, just because of that, grant some kind of access to God.

In its Christian form, the central notion is that musical sound, especially musical harmony, coincides with and gives expression to cosmic order, which in turn reflects and in some manner gives access to the Creator...is there not something in the notion of being "cradled" in God's created *harmonia* that is worth recovering?

## This Week

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 11

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages

10:00 AM Beverly Heights Together Worship

Congregational Meeting immediately following our

worship service

MONDAY, JUNE 12

Church Offices Closed

7:00 PM Revelation Fitness workout

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

7:00 PM Next Gen Team Meeting

7:00 PM Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Staff Meeting

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 15

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

10:00 AM Playground Playgroup

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

11:00 AM Nathan Devlin - graduation party

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages

10:00 AM Beverly Heights Together Worship

## Call of a Special Meeting of the Congregation:

The Session hereby gives notice of a Special Meeting of the Congregation to be held on Sunday, June 11, 2023, in the sanctuary immediately following Beverly Heights Together church service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive and take action on the report of the Nominating Committee, provide a financial update and provide a report on congregational health and concern.

<u>Please note:</u> Childcare will be provided for all children - we ask that only students 8th grade and older remain in the sanctuary for the meeting.

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Gathered By His Love For Us ~ Scattered By Our Love For Him

## 181a Oh, Sing a New Song to the LORD



2. <sup>2</sup>The great salvation wrought by Him Jehovah has made known.His justice in the nations' sight He openly has shown.

3. 3 He mindful of His grace and truth To Israel's house has been, The great salvation of our God All ends of earth have seen.

Music: Thomas Jarman (1776–1861) Text: *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, 1973 ©

# 16C

### Preserve Me, O God

He looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ.

—Acts 2:31



- 4. <sup>8</sup> The LORD ever present before me I keep. He stands at my right hand; I shall not be moved.
  - <sup>9</sup>My glory rejoices, my heart is made glad; And also my flesh will live safely at ease.
- 5. <sup>10</sup>For You'll not abandon my soul to the grave, Your Godly One You will preserve from decay. <sup>11</sup>Life's path You will show me; full joy is with You;

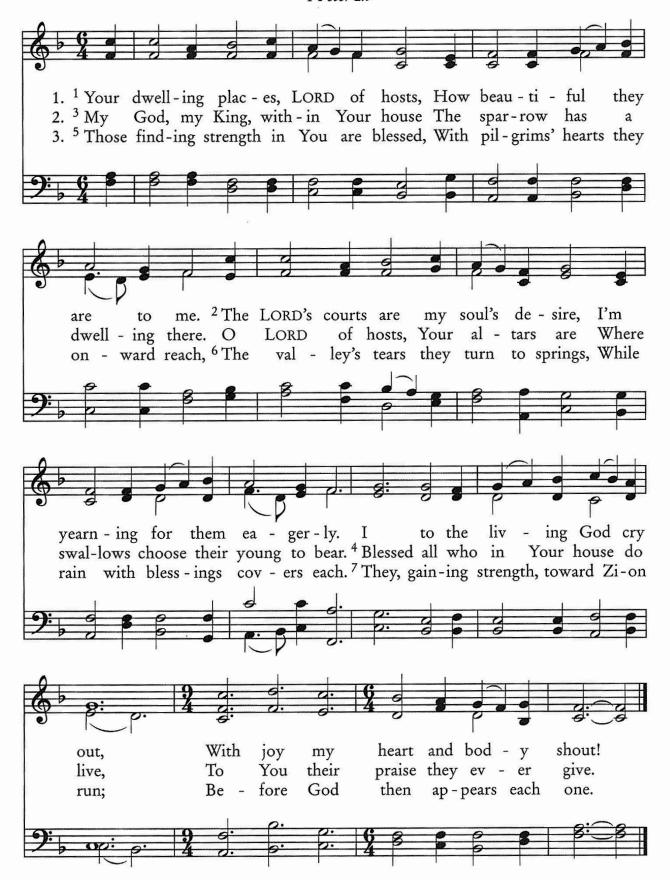
Your right hand holds pleasures for me evermore.

## 84C Psalm 84:1-7

### Your Dwelling Places, LORD

You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house.

—1 Peter 2:5





- 5. 5 With harp make music to the LORD; With harp, a psalm O sing!
- <sup>6</sup>With horn and trumpet raise a shout Before the LORD, the King.

- 6. 7 Let seas in all their vastness roar, The world, its living horde.
- <sup>8</sup> Let rivers clap, let mountains sing Their joy <sup>9</sup> before the LORD!
- 7. Because He comes, He surely comes, The judge of earth to be!With justice He will judge the world, All men with equity.