



# REDEEMER

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## Welcome and Preparation

### Prayer of Approach

#### Call to Worship | From Psalm 89

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!  
For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD?  
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,  
a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,  
and awesome above all who are around him?

#### Who is like you, LORD God Almighty?

You, LORD, are mighty,  
and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Righteousness and justice  
are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship,  
who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name all day long.  
They celebrate your righteousness.

#### **Ancient of Days** | Song of Adoration

Though the nations rage  
Kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King  
Reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains:  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

*None above him, none before him  
All of time in his hands  
For his throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in his name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night  
Overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me  
I am not alone  
O his love is sure and he knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see  
What the future brings  
I will watch and wait  
For the Savior King  
Then my joy complete standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

*Words and Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson,  
Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves (2018)*

### Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father,  
many of us come before you today  
with troubled hearts.

We are fearful about our relationships, our health,  
our finances, our families, our community  
and our country.

We often find it hard to believe that your presence  
could possibly make a difference in our lives.

We struggle to be comforted by the truth  
that you are a Father who cares for us,  
and all things are under your control.

Forgive our unbelief, O God.

Help us to believe in Christ;  
that in his death we died,  
and in his resurrection we are raised to new life.

Though we may still face the reality  
of our broken world,

may our hearts know that your power  
is greater than any enemy we face;  
that your grace is sufficient for us,  
and your power made perfect in weakness.

Amen.

### Assurance of Grace | From 1 Timothy 1 and 1 Peter 2

Hear the good news: This saying is trustworthy and  
deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came  
into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our  
sins in his body on the cross, that we might die to sin  
and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have  
been healed.

### ***There Is a Fountain*** | Song of Grace

There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains  
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Lose all their guilty stains  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains  
Lose all their guilty stains  
The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day  
And there may I though vile as he  
Wash all my sins away  
Wash all my sins away  
Wash all my sins away  
And there may I though vile as he  
Wash all my sins away  
Dear dying Lamb thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more  
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Be saved to sin no more  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more  
E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply  
Redeeming love has been my theme  
And shall be till I die  
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Redeeming love has been my theme  
And shall be till I die  
When this poor lisp'ing stamm'ring tongue  
Lies silent in the grave  
Then in a nobler sweeter song  
I'll sing thy pow'r to save  
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*Words: William Cowper (1772)*

*Music: Early American Melody*

### **Affirmation of Faith** | Based on 1 Peter 1:18-21

We know that we were redeemed  
from the empty way of life  
handed down to us from our ancestors,  
not with perishable things like silver or gold,  
which lose their value,  
but with the precious blood of Christ,  
the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.  
God chose him as our ransom  
long before the world began,  
but now in these last days  
he has been revealed for our sake.  
Through Christ we have come to trust in God,  
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,  
so that our faith and hope are set on God.

### **Prayers of the People**

Gracious God,  
you bring hope and healing to our hearts  
because you are the Great Deliverer.  
You delivered Moses and your people  
from Pharaoh's army;  
you delivered Daniel from the den of lions;  
you delivered David from his enemies;  
and you, Lord Jesus, gave yourself for our sins  
to deliver us from this present evil age.  
And while we know that the fullness  
of your deliverance awaits us in the future,  
even now, you teach us to pray, "Deliver us from evil..."  
So we cry out to you, O Lord: "Deliver us"  
For the innocent who are imprisoned . . .  
**bring deliverance, O Lord!**  
For the righteous who are persecuted . . .  
**bring deliverance, O Lord!**  
For women and children held captive  
in human trafficking . . .  
**bring deliverance, O Lord!**  
For those shackled in cycles of addiction . . .  
**bring deliverance, O Lord!**  
For those harassed by sin and shame . . .  
**bring deliverance, O Lord!**  
For those distressed by worry and fear . . .  
**bring deliverance, O Lord!**

For those beleaguered by chronic illness . . .

**bring deliverance, O Lord!**

For those drowning in sorrow from a broken heart . . .

**bring deliverance, O Lord!**

For those in danger of losing hope . . .

**bring deliverance, O Lord!**

Help us live in holy defiance of the false stories  
we are told and often tell ourselves.

We want to be grounded in hope, not in trauma,  
by experiencing the beauty and life and joy  
that is ours in the gospel.

Hasten the day of your return, Lord Jesus.

Bring the fullness of your Kingdom,  
for in its presence, illness and sadness,  
evil and death will not stand.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.**

**Scripture** | Revelation 17-18

**Sermon** | Evil Exposed

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who is in Heaven

Hallowed be your name

May your kingdom come

May your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us today our daily bread

And forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

For yours is the kingdom

The power and the glory

Forever and ever.

Amen

### **The Lord's Supper**

**Welcome to the Table** | Based on Lk. 13:29, Rom. 8:32

From east and west, north and south, people will  
come and take their places at the feast in the kingdom  
of God. He who did not spare his own Son but gave  
him up for us all, how will he not also with him  
graciously give us all things? Come then to the joyful  
feast of the Lord and be transformed.

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Christ has died!**

**Christ is risen!**

**Christ will come again!**

Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All: Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Leader: These are the gifts of God  
for the people of God.

Feed on them in your hearts  
by faith and with thanksgiving.

### **Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

**Your Will Be Done** | Song of Communion

Your will be done, my God and Father

As in heaven, so on earth

My heart is drawn to self-exalting

Help me seek your kingdom first

As Jesus walked, so I shall walk

Held by your same unchanging love

Be still my soul

Oh, lift your voice and pray:

"Father, not my will, but yours be done"

How in that Garden he persisted

I may never fully know

The fearful weight of true obedience

It was held by him alone

What wondrous faith, to bear that cross

To bear my sin, what wondrous love

My hope was sure

When there my Savior prayed:

"Father, not my will, but yours be done"

When I am lost, when I am broken

In the night of fear and doubt

Still I will trust in my good Father

Yes, to one great King I bow!

As Jesus rose, so I shall rise

In ransomed glory at the throne

My heart restored

With all your saints I sing:

"Father, not my will, but yours be done"

As we go forth, our God and Father  
Lead us daily in the fight  
That all the world might see your glory  
And your Name be lifted high  
And in this Name we overcome  
For you shall see us safely home  
Now as your church  
We lift our voice and pray:  
"Father, not my will, but yours be done"

*Words and Music: Rich Thompson and Jonny Robinson (2020)*

### **Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners** | Song of Sending

Jesus, what a friend for sinners  
Jesus, lover of my soul  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me  
He, my Savior, makes me whole

*Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

*Hallelujah, what a friend!*

*Saving, helping, keeping, loving*

*He is with me to the end*

Jesus, what a strength in weakness  
Let my hide myself in him  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing  
He my strength, my victory wins

*Words: J. Wilbur Chapman (1910)*

*Music: Eric Gilbert (2009)*

### **Benediction** | 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **Thanks be to God!**

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To listen to the service over your car radio,  
please tune in to 530AM.

## **Missions Emphasis**

The month of November is set aside for a time of Missions Emphasis, where we renew our commitments to our ministry partners serving the Lord cross-culturally and throughout the world. Please remember to connect with the weekly missions emails that are being sent out this month, and don't forget to submit your faith promise online by the end of November. If you have any questions for our Missions Team, please contact Candy Hall at 528-1382 or [cshall4@sonic.net](mailto:cshall4@sonic.net).

## **RGM Coat Distribution**

From November 30-January 9 the Redwood Gospel Mission will be providing free coats to people in need in their Thrift Store. There is a short video about this opportunity and instructions on how to participate at [www.srmission.org/coat-message](http://www.srmission.org/coat-message).

## **Weekly Prayer**

Darrell and Mike continue to lead a weekly noontime prayer each Wednesday from 12:00-12:30PM on Zoom. The link is emailed out on a weekly basis. If you do not receive the weekly email link, please contact Mike or Darrell.

## **Community Groups**

Community Groups at Redeemer provide opportunities for people to regularly gather and connect midweek. We have groups that meet either in-person or via Zoom, depending on your comfortability. If you are interested in joining a group, contact Mike at [mike@redeemersr.org](mailto:mike@redeemersr.org).

## **Weekly Update**

If you would like to sign up for our weekly email updates, please email the church office at [office@redeemersr.org](mailto:office@redeemersr.org).

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## Scripture | Revelation 17-18

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters, <sup>2</sup>with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk." <sup>3</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup>The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. <sup>5</sup>And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." <sup>6</sup>And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

When I saw her, I marveled greatly. <sup>7</sup>But the angel said to me, "Why do you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her. <sup>8</sup>The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come. <sup>9</sup>This calls for a mind with wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; <sup>10</sup>they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he does come he must remain only a little while. <sup>11</sup>As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction. <sup>12</sup>And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. <sup>13</sup>These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup>They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."

<sup>15</sup>And the angel said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. <sup>16</sup>And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire, <sup>17</sup>for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. <sup>18</sup>And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth."

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After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. <sup>2</sup>And he called out with a mighty voice

"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!

She has become a dwelling place for demons,  
a haunt for every unclean spirit,  
a haunt for every unclean bird,  
a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.

<sup>3</sup>For all nations have drunk  
the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality,  
and the kings of the earth  
have committed immorality with her,  
and the merchants of the earth have grown rich  
from the power of her luxurious living."

<sup>4</sup>Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,

"Come out of her, my people,  
lest you take part in her sins,  
lest you share in her plagues;

<sup>5</sup>for her sins are heaped high as heaven,  
and God has remembered her iniquities.

<sup>6</sup>Pay her back as she herself has paid back others,  
and repay her double for her deeds;  
mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed.

<sup>7</sup>As she glorified herself and lived in luxury,  
so give her a like measure of torment and mourning,  
since in her heart she says,

'I sit as a queen,  
I am no widow,  
and mourning I shall never see.'

<sup>8</sup>For this reason her plagues will come in a single day,  
death and mourning and famine,

and she will be burned up with fire;  
for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her."

<sup>9</sup>And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning.

<sup>10</sup>They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say,

"Alas! Alas! You great city,  
you mighty city, Babylon!  
For in a single hour your judgment has come."

<sup>11</sup>And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, <sup>12</sup>cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble, <sup>13</sup>cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls.

<sup>14</sup>"The fruit for which your soul longed  
has gone from you,  
and all your delicacies and your splendors  
are lost to you,  
never to be found again!"

<sup>15</sup>The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud,

<sup>16</sup>"Alas, alas, for the great city  
that was clothed in fine linen,  
in purple and scarlet,  
adorned with gold,  
with jewels, and with pearls!

<sup>17</sup>For in a single hour  
all this wealth has been laid waste."

And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off <sup>18</sup>and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning,

"What city was like the great city?"

<sup>19</sup>And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and mourned, crying out,

"Alas, alas, for the great city  
where all who had ships at sea  
grew rich by her wealth!

For in a single hour she has been laid waste.

<sup>20</sup>Rejoice over her, O heaven,  
and you saints and apostles and prophets,  
for God has given judgment for you against her!"

<sup>21</sup>Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying,

"So will Babylon the great city  
be thrown down with violence,  
and will be found no more;

<sup>22</sup>and the sound of harpists and musicians,  
of flute players and trumpeters,  
will be heard in you no more,  
and a craftsman of any craft

will be found in you no more,  
and the sound of the mill  
will be heard in you no more,

<sup>23</sup>and the light of a lamp  
will shine in you no more,  
and the voice of bridegroom and bride  
will be heard in you no more,

for your merchants were the great ones of the earth,  
and all nations were deceived by your sorcery.

<sup>24</sup>And in her was found the blood of prophets  
and of saints, and of all who have been  
slain on earth."