

# Liturgy for Corporate Worship

The Lord's Day

February 9, 2020

Prelude

Introit

Chancel Choir

Worship God with Music

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:4

Opening Hymn

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Come, Christians, Join to Sing

\*Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

**Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward others. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 5:20-21

\*The Gloria Patri

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

Offertory

Ladies Chorus

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Randy Heidtman

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Unison Scripture Reading

Romans 8:1-8

Anthem

Chancel Choir

On to Higher Ground

Pastoral Prayer

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Sermon

Rev. Peter Scribner

Galatians 5:1-15

I Have No Other Comfort

**Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace. Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling thro' this wilderness.**

Postlude

*Our prayer of confession was adapted from the Book of Common Worship.*

*\*Those able are encouraged to stand.*

**Featured Element of Worship: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past***

The great English hymnist, Isaac Watts (1674-1748) was a brilliant child, Watts learned Latin at age four and Greek at the age of eight. By the time he was thirteen, his studies included Hebrew and French. In addition to his facility with languages, Watts demonstrated a gift for both poetry and theology early on. He wrote the following poem when he was seven.

*I am a vile polluted lump of earth;  
So I've continued since my birth;  
Although Jehovah grace does daily give me,  
As sure this monster Satan will deceive me.  
Come, therefore, Lord, from Satan's claws relieve me.*

*Wash me in Thy blood, O Christ,  
And grace divine impart  
Then search and try the corners of my heart,  
That I in all things may be fit to do  
Service to Thee, and sing Thy praises too.*

At the age of fifteen, Watts complained to his father about the droning nature of many of the songs sung at church. "If you don't like them," his father challenged him, "then why don't you write something better?" Watts did just that, introducing in many of his hymns a new way of singing the Psalms in a Christ-centered manner that, as he put it, "imitated in the language of the New Testament." Known henceforth as "the Father of English Hymnody," Watts wrote over 600 hymns including *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*, *Jesus Shall Reign*, *Joy to the World*, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, and today's hymn, *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*, which is based on Psalm 90.