



05.21.23 Court Street Worship Guide

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GATHERING

Gathering Song

#3087 *O Christ When You Ascended*

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O Christ, when you ascended, you took your rightful throne;
 Your time on earth had ended — yet we weren't left alone.
 You reign o'er earth and heaven; your Spirit guides our way.
 Your prayers uphold your people; you lead your church each day.

We look at earthly rulers and see what they command:
 We note their years of power, the borders of their land.
 Yet, Lord, you are not bounded by things like time and space;
 Your reign is never-ending, you rule in every place.

We're tempted. Lord, to leave you in stories nicely told;

Sometimes we don't believe you and say your ways are old.
 Sometimes we feel so lonely and live in doubt and fear —
 But your ascension means, Lord, you're present with us here.

It's often quite a challenge to follow in your Way;
 We're easily distracted! It's hard, Lord, to obey.
 Sometimes we give you Sundays — an hour, maybe two —
 But your ascension means, Lord, all life belongs to you.

One day, O Lord, we'll know you, as we are fully known;
 One day this world of sinners will bow before your throne.
 One day, God's whole creation will sing and praise your name;
 On earth as now in heaven, we'll celebrate your reign.

The Welcome

The Opening Hymn

#327 Crown Him with Many Crowns

WORDS: Matthew Bridges (1851); Godfrey Thring (1874) MUSIC: George J. Elvey (1858)

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**Crown him with many crowns,
 the Lamb upon his throne.
 Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
 all music but its own.**

**Awake, my soul, and sing
 of him who died for thee,
 and hail him as thy matchless king
 through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of life,
 who triumphed o'er the grave,
 and rose victorious in the strife
 for those he came to save;**

**his glories now we sing
 who died and rose on high,
 who died eternal life to bring,
 and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
 behold his hands and side,
 rich wounds, yet visible above,**

in beauty glorified;

All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

The Opening Prayer: The Liturgist

The Lord's Prayer: The Liturgist and People

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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song of Faith

**The Gloria Patri. Page 70 UMH*

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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.

The Reading of Acts 1:1-11

The Psalter #781; Psalm 47

Sung response # at R

R Earth and heaven repeat the cry, Glory be to God on High”
Earth and heaven repeat the cry, Glory be to God on High”

Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
A Great Ruler over all the earth,
Who subdued peoples under us,

And nations under our feet,
Who chose our heritage for us,
The pride of Jacob whom God loves.

R Earth and heaven repeat the cry, Glory be to God on High”
Earth and heaven repeat the cry, Glory be to God on High”

God has gone up with a shout,
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
 Sing praises to God, Sing praises!
Sing Praises to our Ruler, sing praises!
 For God is the Ruler of all the earth;
Sing praises with a psalm!
 God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
 The princes of the people gather
 As the people of the God of Abraham
For the shields of the earth belong to God
Who is highly exalted!

R Earth and heaven repeat the cry, Glory be to God on High”
Earth and heaven repeat the cry, Glory be to God on High”

The Reading of The Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23

Hymn of Response

#368 *My Hope Is Built*

WORDS: Edward Mote (1834) MUSIC: William B. Bradbury (1863)

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My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus Blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:44-53

This is the word of God for you who are the people of God!

Thanks Be to God**The Anthem**

#2117 Spirit of God

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The Message: "Yes... And"***The Hymn**

#154 All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

WORDS: Edward Perronet (1779); John Rippon (1787) MUSIC: Oliver Holden (1792)

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**All hail the power of Jesus' name,
 Let angels prostrate fall,
 Bring forth the royal diadem
 And crown him Lord of all,
 Bring forth the royal diadem
 And crown him Lord of all**

**Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
 Ye ransomed from the fall,
 Hail him who saves you by his grace
 And crown him Lord of all,
 Hail him who saves you by his grace
 And crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every kindred, every tribe
 On this terrestrial ball,
 To him all majesty ascribe,
 And crown him Lord of all,
 To him all majesty ascribe,
 And crown him Lord of all.**

**O that with yonder sacred throng
 We at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song,
 And crown him Lord of all,
 We'll join the everlasting song,
 And crown him Lord of all.**

The Generosity StoryThe Offertory PrayerThe Doxology #95

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, And Holy Ghost. Amen**

The Apostles Creed #881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth;
And in Jesus Christ
His only son, our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilot,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick 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.**

The Closing Hymn

#307 Christ Is Risen

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**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen!
Hush in wonder;
All creation is amazed.**

In the desert all surrounding,
 See, a spreading tree has grown.
 Healing leaves of grace abounding
 Bring a taste of Love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
 From the caverns of despair,
 Walk with gladness in the morning,
 See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wind of resurrection
 Not a servant, but a friend;
 Jesus is our strong companion.
 Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
 Never more shall be the same.
 Break the bread of new creation
 Where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim demonic chorus:
 Christ is risen! Get you gone!
 God the First and Last is with us.
 Sing Hosanna everyone!

***The Benediction**

The Postlude

#711 For All the Saints (Arr. Jim West)

WORDS: William W. How (1864)

MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)

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