

# *Soli Deo Gloria*

*To God Alone be the Glory*



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# Order of Worship

## Call to Worship & Prayer of Praise

*From Psalm 115*

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,

**For the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!**

Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

**Our God is in the heavens; He does all that he pleases.**

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

**They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.**

They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.

**They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk;  
and they do not make a sound in their throat.**

Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

**You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!**

**He is their help and their shield.**

## Hymns of Praise

**GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS** (*Hymn #96*)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;

There is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;

As Thou has been, Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see:*

*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth.

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine with 10,000 beside!

## **HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION** (*Hymn #456*)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When thro' fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, tho' all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

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## **Scripture Reading**

### **DANIEL 9:1-19**

In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, by descent a Mede, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—<sup>2</sup> in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.

<sup>3</sup> Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. <sup>4</sup> I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>5</sup> we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. <sup>6</sup> We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. <sup>7</sup> To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. <sup>8</sup> To us, O LORD, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. <sup>9</sup> To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him <sup>10</sup> and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. <sup>11</sup> All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against him. <sup>12</sup> He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us and against our rulers who ruled

us, by bringing upon us a great calamity. For under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what has been done against Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us; yet we have not entreated the favor of the LORD our God, turning from our iniquities and gaining insight by your truth. <sup>14</sup>

Therefore the LORD has kept ready the calamity and has brought it upon us, for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works that he has done, and we have not obeyed his voice. <sup>15</sup> And now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

<sup>16</sup> “O Lord, according to all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your city Jerusalem, your holy hill, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a byword among all who are around us. <sup>17</sup> Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. <sup>18</sup> O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. <sup>19</sup> O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.”

## Prayer of Confession

## Hymn of Response

**JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!** (*Hymn 156*)

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 me hide myself in Him;  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! what a Help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high,  
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, He, my Pilot, hears my cry.

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness; I am His, and He is mine!

## Scripture Readings

### DANIEL 5:1-31

King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand. <sup>2</sup> Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. <sup>3</sup> Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. <sup>4</sup> They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

<sup>5</sup> Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand. And the king saw the hand as it wrote. <sup>6</sup> Then the king's color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. <sup>7</sup> The king called loudly to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king declared to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and shows me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." <sup>8</sup> Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or make known to the king the interpretation. <sup>9</sup> Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, and his color changed, and his lords were perplexed.

<sup>10</sup> The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banqueting hall, and the queen declared, "O king, live forever! Let not your thoughts alarm you or your color change. <sup>11</sup> There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him, and King Nebuchadnezzar, your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and astrologers, <sup>12</sup> because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Beltshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation."

<sup>13</sup> Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, "You are that Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought from Judah. <sup>14</sup> I have heard of you that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you. <sup>15</sup> Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me to read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not show the interpretation of the matter. <sup>16</sup> But I have heard that you can give interpretations and solve problems. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

<sup>17</sup> Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation. <sup>18</sup> O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father kingship and greatness and glory and majesty. <sup>19</sup> And because of the greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whom he

would, he killed, and whom he would, he kept alive; whom he would, he raised up, and whom he would, he humbled. <sup>20</sup> But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him. <sup>21</sup> He was driven from among the children of mankind, and his mind was made like that of a beast, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until he knew that the Most High God rules the kingdom of mankind and sets over it whom he will. <sup>22</sup> And you his son,<sup>[L]</sup> Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, <sup>23</sup> but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And the vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored.

<sup>24</sup> “Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed. <sup>25</sup> And this is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN. <sup>26</sup> This is the interpretation of the matter: MENE, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; <sup>27</sup> TEKEL, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting; <sup>28</sup> PERES, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

<sup>29</sup> Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed with purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made about him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

<sup>30</sup> That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. <sup>31</sup> And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

### **REVELATION 22:6-15**

And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

<sup>7</sup> “And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

<sup>8</sup> I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

<sup>10</sup> And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. <sup>11</sup> Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

<sup>12</sup> “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. <sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

## Sermon

## “How Did Daniel Read the Writing?” – Daniel 5

### I. THE BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY

A. God’s W\_\_\_\_\_ was D\_\_\_\_\_

B. God’s T\_\_\_\_\_ was in R\_\_\_\_\_

C. God’s P\_\_\_\_\_ were in E\_\_\_\_\_

### II. THE WRITING ON THE WALL (5:1-9)

A. The King held a F\_\_\_\_\_ of D\_\_\_\_\_ and B\_\_\_\_\_

- The V\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s T\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_

B. Immediately, God’s W\_\_\_\_\_ of J\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_ (5:5)

- ...and the King was A\_\_\_\_\_ (5:6-9)

C. God’s Word is T\_\_\_\_\_ and C\_\_\_\_\_

- ...for those who don’t K\_\_\_\_\_ H\_\_\_\_\_

### III. DANIEL’S INTERPRETATION (5:10-31)

A. Daniel, a man of L\_\_\_\_\_ and U\_\_\_\_\_ (5:11)

- ...who K\_\_\_\_\_ the P\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_ (Jer. 25:12)

B. The Inscription: M\_\_\_\_\_, M\_\_\_\_\_, T\_\_\_\_\_, and P\_\_\_\_\_ (5:25)

- The “wise” men interpret: D\_\_\_\_\_, D\_\_\_\_\_, and N\_\_\_\_\_
- Daniel interprets: N\_\_\_\_\_, W\_\_\_\_\_, and D\_\_\_\_\_

C. God’s Word is a C\_\_\_\_\_ and a G\_\_\_\_\_

- ...for those who K\_\_\_\_\_ Him and His P\_\_\_\_\_

### IV. DANIEL’S LESSON FOR US

A. U\_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word...

- ...that we may K\_\_\_\_\_ his P\_\_\_\_\_ and be C\_\_\_\_\_

B. H\_\_\_\_\_ your H\_\_\_\_\_ before the LORD

- ...that you may be R\_\_\_\_\_ on that D\_\_\_\_\_
- ...because He is C\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ (Rev. 22:6-15)

## Hymn of Response

### **SPEAK, O LORD** (*Hymn #432*)

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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## Prayers of the Church

### **Doxology & Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Closing Hymn**

#### **THE SOLID ROCK** (*Hymn #511*)

1. 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.*

2. When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
3. His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless o stand before the throne.

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## Benediction