

# Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church of New Haven!

*We are delighted that you have chosen to join us in worship this Lord's Day.*

*It is our sincere hope and prayer that you will know the saving presence, power, love and authority of our King and Savior Jesus Christ as a result of our time spent together in worship.*

*We would also like to get more acquainted with you, so please take the time to **fill out the register** as it comes down your row during the announcements. Please use the prayer card located in the inside pocket of the register or the back of pews to communicate your prayer requests or other concerns and place it in the basket on the back table as you leave the worship service. Your requests are prayed for during the week.*

*As a church, we value family worship, and therefore children of all ages are welcome to join us in the worship service at their parents' discretion. However, **childcare** is available (off of the foyer area - Children's Education Wing) for parents who wish to take advantage of it (there is no age restriction). Please do not hesitate to ask a greeter for assistance.*

**Introduction and Welcome to CPC** - please pick up your free copy on the table located at the foyer entrance.

**Our Offices are adjacent to the sanctuary.** *Core office hours at CPC are from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm Monday-Thursday. Should you need to use our facilities, please call our Administrator to make arrangements. We are currently building a unique library and reading room containing various selections of books, journals, children's literature and tapes (library is located in our balcony area). Selections may be checked out or you are welcome to drop by for a reading break from your busy schedule.*

**Parking - On Sundays,** *please reserve the on-site parking lot for our visitors & parents with small children. In courtesy to our neighbors, please do not park in front of Bradley St. homes, but use the RIS parking lot located next door. **During the week,** please contact our administrator for parking information as most of our spaces are rented out during the week. And, for safety reasons, exit the lot on the Bradley Street side only. Thank you.*

**Log onto: [christpresnewhaven.org](http://christpresnewhaven.org) for more information or calendar events.**

**You may also call 777-6960 and press 5 to hear weekly events.**

**Sermon** *MP3's are downloadable online or are available upon request for \$3 per CD. To order a copy, please fill out a request sheet (located in the Media Center/Reading Room in the Fellowship Hall) and place your payment into the container labeled Media Payments.*

*As a church committed to Greater New Haven, we meet in the middle of the region we hope to serve and reach, which consists of both downtown New Haven and the surrounding edge towns. We believe that the gospel transcends all ethnic, social, and demographic boundaries. We are ambitious for the glory of God and aim to extend a Christ-centered gospel throughout Greater New Haven.*

**We reuse bulletin covers - if you do not need one - please place covers on the foyer table as you leave.**

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Service Order 4

March 25, 2007

10:30 AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

*Adam could not bring mankind into God's rest. Joshua could not. Israel as a nation could not. But when Christ the last Adam and faithful Israelite comes, he brings us into God's rest once and for all, by his perfect obedience and works. The work demanded in the covenant of works has been fulfilled. Therefore, the rest offered in that covenant has been secured and offered to us in the gospel. Now, under the gospel, Jesus says, "Come unto me, all who are weary and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). By faith alone, apart from works, we are given rest - not an earthly rest in the land, but the ultimate eschatological rest of God himself.*

*Lee Irons, The Sabbath as an Eschatological Sign of the Covenant*

*Inasmuch as the Old Covenant was still looking forward to the performance of the Messianic work, naturally the days of labour to it came first, the day of rest falls at the end of the week. We, under the New Covenant, look back upon the accomplished work of Christ. We, therefore, first celebrate the rest in principle procured by Christ, although the Sabbath also still remains a sign looking forward to the final eschatological rest.*

*Geerhardus Vos, Biblical Theology*

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

*\*King of the Nations*

*Come, let us worship Jesus, King of nations, Lord of all,  
Magnificent and glorious, just and merciful  
Jesus, King of the nations. Jesus, Lord of all.  
Jesus, King of the nations. Jesus, Lord of all.*

*Lavish our heart's affection, deepest love and highest praise.  
Voice, race and language blending, all the world amazed.*

*Chorus*

*Bring tributes from the nations, come in joyful cavalcades.  
One thundr'ous acclamation, one banner raised.*

*Chorus*

*Come, Lord, and fill your temple, glorify your dwelling place  
till nations see your splendor and seek your face.*

*Chorus*

*Fear God and give him glory for his hour of judgment comes.  
Creator, Lord Almighty, worship him alone.*

*Chorus*

*\*Congregation Standing*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

Note: Trinity Hymnal can be found in pews if desired.

## WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

\*Call to Worship: Revelation 15:3-4

Leader: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

People: *Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!*

Leader: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

People: *All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts  
have been revealed.*

\*Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

\*Doxology (#733)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;*

*O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

\*Congregation Standing

Old Testament Reading: *Deuteronomy 18:15-22*

New Testament Reading: *John 5:9-47*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Meditation: ***Come and Fill (2x)***

*[Please take a moment to reflect on the reading of God's Word]*

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace.***

***You alone, O Lord, are holy.***

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia.***

## WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Corporate Confession:

*[Participants may kneel or lean forward]*

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

***People: O LORD, do not rebuke us in your anger, or discipline us in your wrath. For your arrows have sunk into us, and your hand has come down on us. There is no soundness in our flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in our bones because of our sin. For our iniquities have gone over our heads; they weigh like burdens too heavy for us. Forgive our sins, pardon our iniquities, and restore our communion with You, we ask through our Blessed Lord Jesus, Who for a little while was made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, Who by your grace tasted death for everyone. Amen.***

*[Based upon Psalm 38 and Hebrews 3]*

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

*"The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost." 1Timothy 1:15*

Pastoral Prayer

*[Participants may be seated]*

**Prayer for our Members:** The Woolbert Family

**Special Needs:** Sheila Tarantino – recent passing of her father.

Upcoming Holy week services.

St. John's Episcopal Church – Rev. Sudduth Cummings

**Mission to the World: Uganda -** Mr. & Mrs. Curtis DuBose,

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Gray, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hollenbeck,

Mr. & Mrs. Don McNeill, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Sinclair

\*Congregation Standing

\*Song of Response: *Satisfied*

*All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring  
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.*

*Chorus: Hallelujah! He has found me,  
the One my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings;  
through his blood I now am saved.*

*Feeding on the filth around me till my strength was almost gone  
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on.*

*Chorus*

*Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy  
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry.*

*Chorus*

*Well of water ever springing, Bread of life so rich and free  
Untold wealth that never faileth my Redeemer is to me.*

*Chorus*

\*Congregation Standing

## WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: "I Call as My Next Witness: God"

Rev. Preston Graham

[Sermon notes located on page 14]

9And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. 10So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." 11But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'" 12They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk?'" 13Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. 14Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you." 15The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. 16And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. 17But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working." 18This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. 19So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. 20For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. 21For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. 22The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, 23that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. 24Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. 25"Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. 26For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. 27And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. 28Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice 29and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. 30"I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. 31If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not deemed true. 32There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. 33You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. 34Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. 35He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. 36But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. 37And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, 38and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. 39You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. 41I do not receive glory from people. 42But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. 43I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. 44How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? 45Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46If you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. 47But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

John 5:9-47 (ESV)

## WORSHIP THROUGH SACRAMENT

Introduction to the Lord's Table

The Collection of the Communion of the Saints

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Collection Hymn: *I Will Glory in My Redeemer*

*[A good time to retrieve your children from childcare to experience the Lord's Table, if so desired.]*

*I will glory in my Redeemer  
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails  
And hung Him on that judgment tree  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who crushed the power of sin and death  
My only Savior before the Holy Judge  
The Lamb Who is my righteousness  
The Lamb Who is my righteousness*

*I will glory in my Redeemer  
My life He bought, my love He owns  
I have no longings for another  
I'm satisfied in Him alone  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
His faithfulness my standing place  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me  
My feet are firm, held by His grace  
My feet are firm, held by His grace*

*I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who carries me on eagle's wings  
He crowns my life with lovingkindness  
His triumph song I'll ever sing  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who waits for me at gates of gold  
And when He calls me it will be paradise  
His face forever to behold  
His face forever to behold  
His face forever to behold*

\*Presentation of Gifts

*[Please stand as we present our lives and gifts to Christ at His banquet table.]*

...and they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

*Revelation 4:10-11*

\*Congregation Standing

\*Processional Hymn: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* (vs.1)

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*All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth-tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.*

Note: Trinity Hymnal can be found in pews if desired.

\*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

**Congregation:** *In all my distress and persecution, I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as Judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place before God and so has removed the whole curse from me. All His enemies and mine, He will condemn to everlasting punishment-- but me and all His chosen ones, He will take along with him into the joy and the glory of heaven. I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.*

[Heidelberg Catechism, question 52 & 56]

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All:** *And also with you.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**All:** *We lift them up to the Lord!*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

\*Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Lord's Table

[We use wine in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the biblical element used. We provide grape juice for those who, out of conscience or reasons of health, do not partake of wine. Grape juice is in the outer rim.]

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayers for those not communing:

~Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. "Nothing tastes." Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to him. Open me to the reality of the one who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, please help me in my unbelief! Amen.

\*Congregation Standing

*-Prayer of belief*

Lord God, I now see that I am weaker and more flawed than I ever before believed, but in Christ, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. Even as I have not loved you or my neighbor with all of my heart, you have shown your love for me in that while I am still sinning, Christ died for me and took upon himself the condemnation that I deserve. I now know that You owe me nothing for my efforts, but you offer acceptance, love and blessing into all eternity because of Christ's efforts on my behalf. I therefore ask that you would enable me to turn away from trusting in my own efforts to gain your acceptance and forgiveness, and trust in the perfectly righteous efforts of Christ on my behalf in order to be accepted by you and entered into your holy family. And just as you raised Christ from the dead, so too I ask that you would give me a new life in Christ, one that will lead eventually to heaven itself. Thank you for Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit to believe in him alone for my salvation. And as You have called us to follow You in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church, grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn: *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

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*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark! how the heav'nly 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 with Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;  
all hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

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\*Congregation Standing

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Gloria Patri (#735)

*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!*

\*Benediction

Leader: "May the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and ever." Amen.

*I Peter 5:10-11*

*People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!*

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

## Sermon Notes

*“I Call as My Next Witness: God”*

John 5:9-47

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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