
God's People Gather for Worship

August 23, 2020

II:00 AM

"By God's grace alone and to his glory alone, we exist to worship God in his greatness and his holiness with Gospel-driven passion and integrity..." *(excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)*

Preparing for Worship

Gathering Song

"Immortal, Invisible"

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love
To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all
Thy wisdom so boundless, Thy mercy so free
Eternal Thy goodness for naught changeth Thee
Great Father of glory, pure Father of light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee

Welcome and Announcements

Declaring God's Praise

Prayer of Preparation

Song

"All Glory Be to Christ"

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

(chorus)

All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

(chorus)

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be, all glory be to Christ!

(chorus)

Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we
have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.
As we remember the lavish gift of your grace, O God,
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us
now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Offering Our Fellowship

Passing of the Peace

A Moment for Missions

Nate and Shanna Mast

Interceding for God's World

Prayer for God's People, Work and World and the Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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.
And 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.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 4:1-3

Sermon

"The Use and Abuse of Power"
Rev. Bill Pardue

Responding to God's Worship and the Word

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to the Lord

Scattering as Christ's Church

Song

"Grace So Glorious"

Beneath the cross of Jesus Christ
No shadow remains for shame to hide
Redemption shone for all to see
Perfection bore our penalty
With a grace so glorious...

Immortal day the veil was torn
When mercy donned a crown of thorns
As law gave way to liberty
And freedom for humanity
With a grace so glorious.

Oh the glory of the Savior's love
Surrounding our surrender
To know forever we are welcomed home

(chorus)
Crowned in glory to glory
Worthy is the Lord of all
The glory forever
Holy is the Lord

Triumphant praises without end
All hailing the King of righteousness
And every eye beholds the One
Our hearts were undeserving of
With a grace so glorious

O wondrous day when I will see
The face of Him who ransomed me
I'll fall in worship at His feet
And rise to reign eternally

In a grace so glorious
In a grace so glorious

Commissioning and Benediction



Today's Scripture

Ecclesiastes 4:1-3 ESV

¹ Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power, and there was no one to comfort them:

² And I thought the dead who are already dead more fortunate than the living who are still alive.

³ But better than both is he who has not yet been and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun.
