



GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed ~Leavitt
My Song is Love Unknown ~Burkhardt
Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended ~Jones
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded ~Burkhardt
Were You There ~Leavitt

Marcia Brubaker

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Call to Worship

Psalm 133 and Matthew 18:20

VT worship leader, #156

All: *How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!*

Leader: It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

People: *How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!*

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing; life evermore.

People: *How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!*

Leader: Jesus says:

People: *Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.*

Leader: In towering cathedrals and quiet forest groves, God is there.
At solemn communion tables and noisy family dinner tables, God is there.
In crowded congregations and when the pews feel empty, God is there.
Jesus says:

People: *Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.*

Leader: In this place where we are gathered, in its simplicity and its sanctity,
in its silence and its bustle, among us and within us, God is here.
Jesus says:

All: *Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.*

Prayer

Hymn

There is a place of quiet rest

HWB 5

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God, a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God, a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God, a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, bless'd Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Candle lighting as we name and remember those who have died

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Hymn

Shall we gather at the river

HWB 615

Shall we gather at
the river, where
bright angel feet
have trod, with
its crystal tide
forever flowing
by the throne of
God.

Ere we reach the
shining river, lay
we ev'ry burden
down. Grace
our spirits will
deliver, and
provide a robe
and crown.

Soon we'll reach
the shining river,
soon our
pilgrimage will
cease, soon our
happy hearts
will quiver with
the melody of
peace.

*Yes, we'll gather at
the river, the
beautiful, the
beautiful river,
gather with the
saints at the
river that flows
by the throne of
God.*

HEARING GOD'S WORD AND SHARING COMMUNION

Scripture Reading

John 13:1-17

Leader: It is our privilege as the new community, the body of Christ, to give thanks to you, our Lord, for all the acts and actions which you have done in and for the world.

People: It is from your life and death, O Christ that we take our cue for our relationship to God and to all people.

Leader: Remembering this, we come to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Despite all that we have done in sin, and that which we have failed to do which we should have, we ask for the Holy Spirit to transform our lives as we pray that your kingdom may come on earth.

People: We give praise that we are not entering into this supper alone, but are joining with all of your people, God, in the past, present and future. Amen.

Leader: When Jesus ate with the disciples he took the bread and gave thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you."

People: When we share the bread, we share the body of Christ. Just as many grains were brought together to make a loaf of bread, so we are many, and we are also brought together, to form one body of Christ. May our differences, our feelings, and our personalities be seen as strengths, not hindrances, in our fellowship.

Leader: Take and eat this bread in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving. Let us eat together. (pause) Jesus also said this about the cup, "This is the new covenant sealed in my blood."

People: When we share the cup, it is a way of sharing the death of Christ, a death that we may be called on to suffer for each other.

Leader: Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful. Let us drink together.

Communion Hymn

Eat this bread (2x)

HWB 471

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst. (2x)

TENEBRAE – SERVICE OF SHADOWS

Leader: And now we enter the story of betrayal and pain together.

People: With heavy hearts we enter the story. And we rest in God's shadow.

Leader: We are here in the darkness remembering Jesus' death.

People: We continue to open our hearts to grief and to our part in the story.

Leader: We are here in the darkness, following Christ, who says, "Take up your cross."

People: Deep in the darkness, we trust that death is not the end.

Scripture Reading

excerpts from Matthew 26:36-41; Mark 14:43-46

Gaeddert family

Psalm 42:1-2

**All: As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?**

Song of Response

'Tis midnight, and on Olives' brow

HWB 241

'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow the star is dimmed that lately shown. 'Tis midnight; in the garden now the suffering Savior prays alone.

'Tis midnight, and from all removed, Immanuel wrestles 'lone with fears. E'en that disciple whom he loved heeds not his Master's grief and tears.

'Tis midnight, and for others' guilt the Man of sorrows weeps in blood. Yet he who hath in anguish knelt is not forsaken by his God.

Extinguish a candle

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:69-75

Marilyn Unruh Flaming

Psalm 42:3

**All: My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"**

Song of Response

Stay with me (2x)

HWB 242

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray. (2x)

Extinguish a candle

Scripture Reading

Mark 15:1-5; John 19:1-3

Emma and Mallory Schroeder

Psalm 42:4

**All: These things I remember as I pour out my soul;
How I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One
with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.**

Song of Response

O sacred Head, now wounded (vs. 1,2,4)

HWB 252

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown! O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

O noblest Brow and dearest, in other days the world all feared when thou appearedst; what shame on thee is hurled! How art thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn. How does that visage languish, which once was bright as morn!

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? O make me thine forever and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Extinguish a candle

Scripture Reading

John 19:6, 15-17

Jacob Schrag

Psalm 42:5

**All: Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.**

Song of Response

My song is love unknown (vs. 1,3,7) (Lois Harder, solo) HWB 235

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love for me: love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. But who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they crowd his way and his sweet praises sing, resounding all the day hosannas to their King. Then "crucify" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing of him my soul adored. Never was love, dear King, never was grief like yours! This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

Extinguish a candle

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:33-34

Timothy Schrag

Psalm 42:7-8

**All: *Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls;
All your waves and breakers have swept over me.
By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me –
A prayer to the God of my life.***

Song of Response

Were you there (vs. 1,2,4)

HWB 257

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they...

Extinguish a candle

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:39-43; John 19:25-27

Brendon and Colby Nafziger

Psalm 42:9-10

**All: *I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?"
My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me,
saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?"***

Song of Response

Ah, holy Jesus (vs. 1,3,4)

HWB 254

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast
thou offended, that mortal
judgment hath on thee
descended? By foes derided,
by thine own rejected, O
most afflicted.

For me, kind Jesus, was
thine incarnation, thy mortal
sorrow, and thy life's
oblation, thy death of anguish
and thy bitter passion, for my
salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I
cannot pay thee, I do adore
thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love
unswerving, not my
deserving.

Extinguish a candle

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:44-46

Pastor Lois

Psalm 42:11

**All: *Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.***

Song of Response

When I survey the wondrous cross (vs. 1,3,4)

HWB 259

When I survey the wondrous
cross on which the Prince of
glory died, my richest gain I
count but loss, and pour
contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his
hands, his feet, sorrow and
love flow mingled down! Did
e'er such love and sorrow
meet, or thorns compose so
rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of
nature mine, that were an
off'ring far too small. Love so
amazing, so divine, demands
my soul, my life, my all.

Extinguish a candle

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**You are invited to remain in silent meditation for as long as you wish.
Depart in silence. Await the dawn, the new day on Resurrection morning.**

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