

Come As You Are Worship
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Words of Welcome

At Renewed in Grace, we strive to be the hands, heart, and voice of God in the community. As such, we practice radical hospitality as Jesus did. You are welcome with us regardless of race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental ability, marital status, political affiliation, socio-economic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. We reject hate in all its forms and repent of the historical mistreatment of all marginalized communities. At Renewed in Grace, we are committed to racial equity and inclusion.

The buildings of Renewed in Grace are located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Susquehannock people, and we give thanks for their presence here. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

As part of our commitment to hospitality, we strive to be a safe place to accompany you on your faith journey. It is ok to have questions and doubts as part of that journey. In our Renewed in Grace family, we grow and learn together. We invite you to join us as we love others as Jesus first loved us.

Opening Prayer

God, You reign!
Robed in majesty and armed with strength,
You hold our world and our lives securely.
Your throne has stood for all eternity.
From everlasting to everlasting, You are God.
Even when the waters rise up—
when surging seas threaten to overwhelm us,
and pounding waves crash around us—
we know that You are mightier,
You are more powerful than the threats we face.
Holy God,
Your decrees are firm and unshakeable
and will last forevermore.

Posted on RE:Church re-worship.blogspot.com

Opening

Almighty God grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Amen.

By day, O God,

**you grant your steadfast love,
and at night your song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy and gracious God,

I confess that I have sinned against you this day.

Some of my sin I know—

**the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—
but some is known only to you.**

In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.

Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ,
in whom we are forgiven.

We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise in the morning to serve.

Psalmody

Psalm 93

- ¹ The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
- ² your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.
- ³ The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
- ⁴ More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the Lord!
- ⁵ Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, for evermore.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

First Reading Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

- ⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
- ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened. ¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
- ¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion

that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Revelation 1:4b-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus
Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the
kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us
to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and
dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was
and who is to come, the Almighty.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel John 18:33-37

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked
him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on
your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew,
am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me.
What have you done?' ³⁶Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world.
If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep
me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from
here.' ³⁷Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that
I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify
to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayers

Prayer of Intercession

God,

You are a God of compassion and love.

Time after time we have experienced your care and provision.

Time after time You've answered our prayers and met our needs—
often in ways we could never have dreamed possible.

We praise You for Your faithful love toward us.

Because we have known Your love,

we come to You with confidence,

offering our prayers for the world that You love.

We see so much pain and suffering;

so much anger and frustration and despair.

It's easy to feel overwhelmed by the needs around us.

But we continue to bring our prayers to You in faith,
because we know that nothing is impossible for You.

You are the God who rained down bread from heaven,
and made water flow from a rock in the desert;

the God who resurrected Jesus Christ from the dead,

and who brings new life and hope to all who believe.

For You, all things are possible.

Hear our prayers.

We pray for those suffering the effects of recent natural disasters....

(insert petitions here)

Because nothing is impossible for You, O God,

hear our prayer, and in Your love, answer.

We pray for the regions of our world caught up in violence and threats of violence:

(insert petitions here)

Because nothing is impossible for You, O God,

hear our prayer, and in Your love, answer.

We pray for those who live with serious illness,

those with chronic pain,

those without access to proper medical care,

those for whom treatment is no longer an option.

Because nothing is impossible for You, O God,

hear our prayer, and in Your love, answer.

Merciful God,
You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to show us a different way to live—
the way of deep humility and obedience.
You've called us to love one another,
and to work together with one heart and mind,
balancing our needs with the needs of those around us.
Give us courage to follow faithfully, and with integrity—
with actions that bear witness to the words we speak,
and worship that overflows into our daily tasks and relationships—
so that our lives will bring glory and honour to You,
our Redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

~ Christine Longhurst, re:Worship

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Closing Prayer

In the silence
we hold before God the day now passing into history
and we give thanks

silence

Lord, for this day
We give you thanks
Lord, for the moments when we encountered grace and beauty
We give you thanks
Lord, for conversations that have made an impact on our lives
We give you thanks
Lord, for the times when we have seen you at work
We give you thanks
In the silence we hold before God the hurts of the past day

Silence

Lord, we remember the times
when we have not shown love
through our thoughts, words and actions

We seek forgiveness

Lord, we remember the times
when we have been hurt by the words and actions of others

Help us to forgive

Lord, we remember the times
when we have been distracted from seeking after you

Lord, make yourself known to us,

help us to see you

in the midst of the noise and clamour of this world

In the silence we hold before God
tomorrow and the opportunities it bears

silence

Lord, we pray that your Holy Spirit would guide us
into the ways of righteousness

That you would give us strength for the journey

Lord, you know the shape of our lives at this time,
you know the delights we enjoy and the pressures we endure.

**Guide us and give us wisdom to know your will,
strengthen our resolve to discern your call.**

Lord, make yourself known to us in the daily pattern of our lives,

Help us to see the fruit borne out of small actions

Lord, help us to live faithfully amidst uncertainty,

Fortify us to be followers in your Way

Lord, help us to not live as autonomous units,

But as fellow travellers on a journey.

Lord, build up the community of which we are part,

And shape it around the cross of your Son Jesus Christ.

Lord, as we sleep tonight, may we rest in the knowledge of your relentless love

When we wake tomorrow,

may we be prepared for all that lies ahead

*~ written by Tim Watson, in "Sunday Night Prayer," posted on **Lighting Beacons**. <http://lighting-beacons-liturgy.com/>*

Blessing

Now in peace I will lie down and sleep;

you alone, O God, make me secure.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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