

## Good Shepherd Church

*A Baptist Reformed Fellowship*

*A Worshiping Assembly of Disciples of Jesus in the heart of Dallas with a Heart for the World.*

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**Greeting:** *Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### **Call to Worship:**

*Brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.*

*And now by his great love we come into his house and offer Him our attention and our worship. May the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.*

### Hymn-762P **Let Us Draw Near!**

Let us draw near! the blood is spilt,  
the Lamb has borne the sinner's guilt;  
the sacrifice for sin is made,  
we meet our Father unafraid:  
then let us draw near!

2. Let us draw near: the holy door  
stands open wide for evermore.  
No longer flame or sword shall guard  
the gate by Jesus' hand unbarred:  
then let us draw near!

3. Let us draw near! No more we fear,  
our Saviour bids us welcome here.  
We come as guests of princely grace  
to feast in heaven's most holy place:  
then let us draw near!

4. Let us draw near, with hearts aglow,  
in reverent stillness bowing low;  
before the throne love's emblems plead,  
in simple faith, with all our need,  
come, let us draw near!

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**Invocation**

**Pastor Jeff**

**Corporate Prayer**

Pastor &amp; People

Father, O God Most High, who dwells in the highest heavens, we praise you! Father, O Most Exalted, beyond our thoughts and imaginations, we praise you! We celebrate the victory of your Son who has overcome death and saved us from the power of sin! We rejoice in his exaltation! Our Great High Priest has gone before, has entered into the Holy of Holies, and opened a way for us to follow. In his name we, too, would enter into your eternal presence, for he is our priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. To him be all praise, together with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit. Our Lord, the same for every age. Amen and Amen. (Hughes Old)

Before Confession

**Our Great High Priest Is Sitting**

Our great High Priest is sitting  
at God's right hand above,  
for us His hands uplifting  
in sympathy and love;  
whilst here below, in weakness,  
we onward speed our way,  
in sorrow oft and sickness,  
we sigh, and groan, and pray.

2 Through manifold temptation,  
my soul holds on its course;  
Christ's mighty intercession  
alone is my resource;  
my gracious High Priest's pleadings,  
who on the cross did bleed,  
bring own God's grace and blessings  
and help in hour of need.

3 'Twas God's most gracious favor  
that gave His Son to die,  
to live our Intercessor,  
to plead for us on high.  
O Jesus, blessed Savior,  
who soon for us will come,  
redemption's work completed,  
our battle fought, and won.

Author – A P Cecil

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**The Call to Confession: Hebrews 4:14-16**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, <sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our

confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Prayer of Confession-** Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the Giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksand, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:** Romans 5:1-2

*"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God."*

**In Christ we are forgiven! Hallelujah!**

**God's Will for Our Lives:** Hebrews 10:23-25

*"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

After Confession

**503P Before The Throne Of God Above**

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
a great high priest, whose name is love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is written on his hands,  
my name is hidden in his heart;  
I know that while in heaven he stands  
no power can force me to depart,  
no power can force me to depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
I look to heaven, and see him there  
who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the just, is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,

to look on him and pardon me.

3. Behold him there! The risen Lamb,  
 my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
 the great unchangeable I AM,  
 the King of glory and of grace!  
 One with himself, I cannot die,  
 my soul is purchased by his blood;  
 my life is safe with Christ on high,  
 with Christ, my Saviour and my God,  
 with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

Text- Charitie Bancroft

### **We Read the Scriptures**

*Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said,  
 "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." Exodus 24:7*

*And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans;  
 and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. Colossians 4:16*

First Testament- Exodus 28:1-4, 29-30

First Testament- Exodus. 29:38-46

### **Psalm 110:4**

***Yahweh has sworn, and will not change his mind:***

***"You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek."***

### **Psalm 110 Sung/ As Lord of All**

Appointed by the Lord  
 as Lord of all creation,  
 You reign in majesty  
 beyond imagination:  
 Your eager servants wait  
 for all that You command;  
 Your foes must bow before  
 the scepter in Your hand.

The calling of a priest  
 will rest on You forever,  
 confirmed by God's own oath,  
 a bond that none can sever:  
 within Yourself You bore  
 the cost of priceless grace—  
 Your sacred role transcends  
 the breadth of time and space.

You made this world Your home

and shared our pain and pleasure;  
 in tiredness, hunger, thirst  
 You felt our mortal measure—  
 so gracious sympathy  
 and holy wrath shall meet  
 when, on that final day,  
 You take Your judgment seat.  
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New Testament- Hebrews 8:1-2; 9:1,11-15a  
 New Testament- Mark 14:55-62  
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

After Scripture Reading  
**501 Where High The Heavenly Temple Stands**

Where high the heavenly temple stands,  
 the house of God not made with hands,  
 a great high priest our nature wears,  
 the guardian of mankind appears.

2. He who our guarantor once stood  
 and poured on earth his precious blood,  
 pursues in heaven his mighty plan,  
 the Saviour and the friend of man.

3. Though now ascended up on high,  
 he sees us with a brother's eye;  
 he shares with us the human name  
 and knows the frailty of our frame.

4. Our fellow-sufferer yet retains  
 a fellow-feeling for our pains,  
 and still remembers in the skies  
 his tears, his agonies and cries.

5. In all that pains the human heart,  
 the Man of sorrows had a part;  
 he sympathizes with our grief  
 and to the sufferer sends relief.

6. With boldness, therefore, at his throne  
 let us make all our sorrows known,  
 and ask the aid of heavenly power  
 to help us in the evil hour.

Author- Michael Bruce  
66 66 88 Tune:Luther's Chant or Warrington

## Profession of Our Faith

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

***The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two distinct natures and one person.***

### The Intercession of Christ

Do we have access to God?

**We believe that we have no access to God except through the one and only Mediator and Intercessor: Jesus Christ the Righteous.**

**He therefore was made man, uniting together the divine and human natures, so that we human beings might have access to the divine Majesty. Otherwise we would have no access.**

*For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.*

How does Christ perform the office of a priest?

***Christ performs the office of a priest by once offering Himself as a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and to reconcile us to God; as Scripture says, There is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, the man Christ Jesus who gave himself a ransom for us all and by making continual intercession for us before God, as Scripture says, he is able to completely save those who come to God through him, since he always lives to intercede for them.***

### We Join in Common Prayer

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Prayers, Supplications and Intercessions

### We Present Our Offerings

*Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

Prayer of Dedication

### Doxology

*All praise to Christ we bring,  
our Lord who intercedes,  
Our great High Priest enthroned above  
who knows our needs;  
And to the Father sing*

*our songs of thankful praise,  
Who with the Spirit reigns in love  
for endless days.*

Words- Stephen P Starke

Tune- Leoni

## **Proclamation of God's Word**

Scripture Text: Hebrew 8:1-2;6:20

*Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. ... Jesus has entered there on our behalf as a forerunner, because He has become a high priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.*

## **Sermon- Jesus Our High Priest**

**by Wayne Conrad**

Hymn- Response Hymn

### **Christ Sits At God's Right Hand**

Christ sits at God's right hand,  
His sav-ing work com-plete,  
To rein till ev-ry foe will lie  
be-neath His feet-  
All that the Fa-ther planned,  
the Son sought to ful-fill,  
When first He said, "Lord, here am I  
to do Your will."

#### Verse 2

Christ was that priest God swore,  
u-nique-ly First and Last,  
Who would in righ-teous-ness and love  
be un-sur-passed:  
"A priest for-ev-er-more,"  
an oath God would not break,  
"A priest with-in the or-der of  
Mel-chiz-e-dek."

#### Verse 3

Christ's al-ter was the tree,  
where on the world's be-half  
He shed a blood, un-like the blood  
of goat or calf,  
To seal God's guar-an-tee  
of grace that can-not fail;  
With blood He en-tered for our good

behind the veil.

Verse 4

What cost-ly sac-ri-fice  
to cov-er hu-man sin?  
Who but Christ Je-sus had the right  
to en-ter in?  
His blood, that sprin-kled price,  
so we might be as-sured  
That our in-her-i-tance in light  
has been se-cured.

Verse 5

Then let us now draw near,  
washed in that precious flood  
And enter the Most Holy Place  
by Jesus' blood.  
From hearts that are sincere,  
let tongues our hope profess,  
And trust anew God's faithful grace  
that we confess.

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## Service of the Lord's Table

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Hallelujah!**

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our Creator.

You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people.

You claimed Israel as your chosen nation and sent the Redeemer, Christ our Lord, from the line of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who was descended from King David. He is the Seed of the Woman, the Crusher of Satan's head, and the Rock upon which his church is built.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of the virgin Mary, and born under the



Law. He fulfilled the law so that his righteousness might be applied to the account of all those who trust in him, from every nation, tribe and tongue on the earth. On Calvary's cross he bore our sins and paid our debt fully to you. Thank you that you grafted believing gentiles into believing remnant of Israel constituting us the one people of God. We rejoice that we are clothed in our Savior's righteousness and adopted as his beloved children.

**His blood has washed us, his grace has embraced us, and his power will keep us until we see him face to face. All thanks and praise to you our Covenant Lord. Great things you have done.** Always, your love has been steadfast.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

### **Thanksgiving for the Holy Meal**

Father, you gave up your Son to suffering and death for our salvation. Through Christ you established this holy remembrance of his great saving work. Thank you for this bread gathered from the fields of grain that speaks of Christ's body. Thank you for this wine gathered and crushed from the vine that speaks of Christ's blood.

### **The Bread**

We read in the scriptures that the Lord Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*  
**The bread that we break is a fellowship in the body of Christ.**

Communion Hymn  
656 **O Sacrifice Of Calvary**

O sacrifice of calvary,  
O Lamb whose sacred blood was shed,  
O great High Priest on heaven's throne,  
O Victor from the dead!  
Here I recall your agony,  
here see again your bloodstained brow;  
beyond the sign of bread and wine  
I know your presence now.

2. Your royal presence intercedes  
 eternally for me above,  
 and here my hungry spirit feeds  
 upon these gifts of love;  
 before your holy table laid  
 I kneel once more in hope and peace,  
 your blood and flesh my soul refresh  
 with joy that shall not cease.

86 86D Tune- Sacrifice  
 Text- Michael Saward

### **The Cup**

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.*

**The cup that we drink is a sharing in the blood of Christ.**

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for your blood shed for us, your resurrection for our justification, and the sending of your Spirit for our comfort and strength.

**You have done all things well. We give you thanks.**

### **After Meal Affirmation**

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

**Come, Lord Jesus, establish your kingdom, and bring in your everlasting reign.**

### **After Supper Thanks**

Thank you for strengthening and refreshing our holy faith through your presence in this Holy Supper. Send us out now to serve you in the peace and joy of the Holy Spirit, as we tell the Good News to all people.

**All glory to God in Christ Jesus and in the church forever! Amen!**

Close

### **Since Our Great High Priest Christ Jesus**

Since our great high priest, Christ Jesus,  
 bears the name above all names,  
 reigning Son of God, surpassing  
 other titles, powers, and claims -

since to heaven our Lord has passed,  
let us hold our witness fast!

2 Since we have a priest who suffered,  
knowing weakness, tears, and pain,  
who, like us, was tried and tempted,  
unlike us, without a stain -  
since he shared our lowly place,  
let us boldly seek his grace!

3 Sacrifice and suffering over,  
now he sits at God's right hand  
crowned with praise, no more an outcast,  
his pre-eminence long-planned;  
such a great high priest we have,  
strong to help, supreme to save!

4 Love's example, hope's attraction,  
faith's beginning and its end,  
pioneer of our salvation,  
mighty advocate and friend,  
Jesus, high in glory raised,  
our ascended Lord be praised!

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Tune- All Saints

### **Benediction**

*Yahweh bless you and protect you;  
Yahweh make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
Yahweh look with favor on you  
and give you peace. Amen.*