

Tabernacle and Holy Cross PCA Worship Notes
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Greetings, Tabernacle and Holy Cross family and friends. It is Friday morning, and guess what? IT'S SNOWING! No surprise in this winter of 2009-2010. But if the National Weather Service prediction of 20-30" (yes, I just checked it to be sure I wasn't imagining that) is anywhere close to being correct, many of us will not be in church this Sunday. So what you'll see is a simple worship service, designed for you and your friends or family. (You'll find it easier to use if you print it via the attachment at the end of this email) In the middle of the work and the recreation that a big snow brings, take time to observe a time of worship on Sunday, the Lord's Day. I hope I'll see many of you on Sunday. But if not, I pray that this will be an encouragement to you and your family. It is a model you can use at any time for family or private worship. Notes of explanation for the leader are inserted in parenthesis- you can share some of these thoughts as is appropriate for the assembled group.

May you delight in the Lord, who greatly delights in you!

Blessings to you,

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**A Brief Service of Worship**  
(for a snowy day, or any day!)

**Call to Worship**

**Psalm 100**

(The Lord calls us as his people to worship him- to bring him praise and thanksgiving. This psalm also reminds us that the Lord is good and faithful)

**Psalm 100**

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before Him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is He who made us, and we are His;  
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and  
His courts with praise;

**give thanks to Him and praise His name.**

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;

**His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

**Hymn of Praise**

**Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

**Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
Before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!**

**Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend;  
To us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!**

**Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore,  
His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"**

**Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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 trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil;  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

**Confession of Faith**  
the Heidelberg  
appropriate for your setting)

(Note: select the Shorter Catechism OR  
Catechism, whichever is

### **Westminster Shorter Catechism (In Modern English), Questions 1-5**

*Q. 1. What is man's primary purpose?*

***A.1. Man's primary purpose is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.***

*Q. 2. What authority from God directs us how to glorify and enjoy Him?*

***A.2. The only authority for glorifying and enjoying Him is the bible, which is the word of God and is made up of the Old and New Testaments.***

*Q. 3. What does the bible primarily teach?*

***A.3. The Bible primarily teaches what man must believe about God and what God requires of man.***

*Q. 4. What is God?*

***A. 4. God is a spirit, Whose being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable.***

*Q. 5. Is there more than one God?*

***A.5. There is only one, the living and true God.***

### **The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1**

**Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?**

A. That I am not my own,<sup>1</sup>  
but belong —  
body and soul,

in life and in death—<sup>2</sup>

to my faithful saviour Jesus Christ.<sup>3</sup>

He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,<sup>4</sup>

and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.<sup>5</sup>

He also watches over me in such a way<sup>6</sup>  
that not a hair can fall from my head

without the will of my Father in heaven;<sup>7</sup>

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.<sup>8</sup>  
Because I belong to Him,  
Christ, by His Holy Spirit,

assures me of eternal life<sup>9</sup>  
and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready

from now on to live for Him.<sup>10</sup>

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1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

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Rom. 14:7-9.

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1 Cor. 3:23; Tit. 2:14.

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1 Pet. 1:18, 19; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2.

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John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14, 15; 1 John 3:1-11.

6

John 6:39, 40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5.

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Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18.

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Rom. 8:28.

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Rom. 8:15, 16; 2 Cor. 1:21, 22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13, 14.

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Rom. 8:1-17.

(Note: the Scripture reference provide ample opportunity for further study)

## **Song of Praise**

## **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.



## Psalm 19

*For the director of music. A psalm of David.*

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- <sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they display knowledge.
- <sup>3</sup> There is no speech or language  
where their voice is not heard. [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm%2019&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-14172a" \o "See footnote a" a](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm%2019&version=NIV) ]
- <sup>4</sup> Their voice [  [\]  
goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.  
In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm%2019&version=NIV)
- <sup>5</sup> which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
- <sup>6</sup> It rises at one end of the heavens  
and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is hidden from its heat.
- <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul.  
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.
- <sup>8</sup> The precepts of the LORD are right,  
giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the LORD are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.
- <sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever.

The ordinances of the LORD are sure  
and altogether righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey,  
than honey from the comb.

11 By them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can discern his errors?  
Forgive my hidden faults.

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins;  
may they not rule over me.  
Then will I be blameless,  
innocent of great transgression.

14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight,  
O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

(After sharing a few thoughts on the Psalm, close with a hymn)

### **The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below:  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: A-men.