

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR MAY 2, 2021**

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray” Worship Series

Week 3: Forgive Us Our Debts...

### **GREETING**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Here we discover the grace of God,

**All: Who loves us in spite of us.**

One: Here we learn the way of Jesus,

**All: Who meets us in our place of brokenness.**

One: Here we experience the power of the Spirit,

**All: Who enables us to live in peace.**

### **HYMN**      “I Surrender All”

**All to Jesus I surrender;  
All to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him,  
In his presence daily live.  
I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.**

**All to Jesus I surrender;  
Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.  
I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.**

**All to Jesus I surrender;  
Make me, Savior, wholly thine;  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that thou art mine.  
I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.**

**All to Jesus I surrender;  
Lord, I give myself to thee;  
Fill me with thy love and power;**

**Let thy blessing fall on me.  
I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.**

**All to Jesus I surrender,  
Now I feel the sacred flame.  
O the joy of full salvation!  
Glory, glory to His name!  
I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.**

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## **OPENING PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE**            Matthew 18:21-35

**MESSAGE**            “Forgive Us Our Debts...”

**HYMN**                “God, How Can We Forgive”

**God, how can we forgive  
when bonds of love are torn?  
How can we rise and start anew,  
our trust reborn?  
When human loving fails  
and every hope is gone,  
your love give strength beyond our own  
to face the dawn.**

**When we have missed the mark,  
and tears of anguish flow,  
how can you still release our guilt,  
the debt we owe?  
The ocean depth of grace  
surpasses all our needs.  
A priest who shares our human pain,  
Christ intercedes.**

**Who dares to throw the stone  
to damn another's sin,  
when you, while knowing all our past,  
forgive again?  
No more we play the judge,  
for by your grace we live.  
As you, O God, forgive our sin,  
may we forgive.**

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## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

...One: The Lord be with you.  
**Many: And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
**Many: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

...With joy, and with all of Creation, we proclaim together:

**Holy, Holy, Holy  
God of Power and Grace  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest...**

...In remembering the mighty acts of Jesus, we offer ourselves as a living witness,  
proclaiming the mystery of faith together:

**Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again...**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Breath of Life,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
Your presence fills all of Creation.  
May justice and mercy reign,  
in our lives and in our world.**

**Today may our bellies be full,  
our hearts warm,  
and our fellowship open.  
May we reconcile with the people we've hurt,  
just as we reconcile with the people who've hurt us.  
Lead us not into a time of trial,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For wherever grace and community abide,  
there you are with us;  
We are not alone.  
Blessed be.**

**CLOSING HYMN** "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"  
You taught us, Lord, to pray;  
But you alone can grant us grace  
To live the words we say.**

**How can your pardon reach and bless  
The unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let  
Old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light your cross reveals  
The truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us,  
How great our debt to you!**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,  
And bid resentment cease;  
Then, bound to all in bonds in love,  
Our lives will spread your peace.**

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**BLESSING**

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