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West Valley Presbyterian Church

worship as communal exchange . Trinity God renews us, and we respond

called to come in

God comes near and calls his people out of the world, and
takes hold of us and brings us into the community of Himself.

we hear . from: Psalm 65,66

(leader) Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!

(all) We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!

(leader) By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness
O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas; the one who by his strength established the
mountains, being girded with might; who stills the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples,

(all) Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give
to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! All
the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to
your name." Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his
deeds toward the children of man.

we respond . SONG: Holy, Holy Holy

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity*

*Holy, holy, holy all the saints adore thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power in love and purity*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty
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confessing our sin

God the Spirit reminds us that God the Father has saved us through the righteous life and sacrificial death of Christ the Son - and in faith we rest on his gracious interest to renew us yet again.

we hear . from Isaiah 64:6, Ephesians 4:20-24

(leader) We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

But that is not the way you learned Christ!—assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

SONG: God Be Merciful

*God, be merciful to me, On thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.*

*My transgressions I confess, Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace And provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, Speechless, I thy mercy trust.*

*I am evil, born in sin; Thou desires truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, Teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, Wash me whiter than the snow.*

*Gracious God, my heart renew, Make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from thee, Let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, Stedfast make my willing heart.*

*Sinners then shall learn from me And return, O God, to thee;
Saviour, all my guilt remove, And my tongue shall sing thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, And my mouth shall praise accord*

we confess . from the Valley of Vision book of Puritan Prayers
“continual repentance”

(all) God of the gospel, in our Christian walk we are still in rags; our best prayers are stained with sin. We repent of our repentance; we need our tears to be washed. We have no robes to cover our sins, no loom to weave our own righteousness. We daily stand clothed in filthy garments, and by grace we receive a change of clothing! We are always going into the far country, and always returning home as the prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and you are always bringing the best robe. Every morning let us wear it, go out to the day's work in it, and one day stand before your throne in it! Grant us never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of the gospel. Amen.

we rest . SONG: Thy Mercy My God

*Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.*

*Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.*

*Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.*

*Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.*

DECLARATION: I Peter 2:24

(leader) He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

consecrated by Word

God declares the finished gospel of his Son, and continues his powerful, internal work of change/consecration by his Spirit.

greeting, children and announcements

we hear . Dave Royes

Title: A Godly Composure

Text: Psalm 131 (Black NIV Bible page: 442 / Blue ESV Bible page: 519)

1. Hope: an active rejection of pride (vs.1)

* *Overt pride: self exaltation*

* *Covert pride: carrying the wrong burdens*

2. Hope: a disciplined act of stillness (vs.2)

* *Labor to understand God's _____*

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3. Hope: a determined posture for the future (vs.3)

we respond: SONG:The Solid Rock

My Hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand.
All other ground is sinking sand.
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When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

SONG: (offering) I Will Sing Praise to God

I will sing praise to God, He has lifted me up
He heard my cry for help and he filled my cup

His favor extends for a lifetime. His grace gives me strength each day.
My soul shall sing his praise forevermore.

I'll put my trust in him, God my refuge and strength.
For when my life seems lost, He will show me the way.

His favor extends for a lifetime. His grace gives me strength each day.
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compelled to go out

God blesses us and charges us go out and extend his kingdom into the broken world around us,
making disciples of all nations.

benediction . from Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior He will exult over you with joy, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.