

Reflection

Antioch was evangelized not by apostles but by average members of Christ's body who were willing to share their faith. Wherever these fugitives landed, they kindled a blaze. Sharing Christ was to them as natural as tears to sorrow or a smile to happiness. Everyday believers empowered by the Holy Spirit of God blew away the hold of paganism on needy souls. What an example!

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Preaching the Word: Acts

Call To Worship

We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Call to Worship

From Psalms 135:1-3, 5 (CSB)

Hallelujah! Praise the name of the Lord.

Give praise, you servants of the Lord
who stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God.

**Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
sing praise to his name, for it is delightful.**

For I know that the Lord is great;
our Lord is greater than all gods.

Hallelujah! Praise the name of the Lord.

Our Sung Call to Worship

Come, People of the Risen King

Verse 1

Come, people of the Risen King,
who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in. (Chorus)

Chorus

**Rejoice, rejoice,
let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O, Church of Christ, rejoice!**

Verse 2

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night.
Come those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
and His mercies never cease;
But follow us through all our days,
with the certain hope of peace. (Chorus)

Verse 3

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
men and women of the faith.
Come those with full or empty hands,
find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing;
shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age,
"Our God is all in all." (Chorus 2X's)

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Confession

We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Confession

Based on Psalm 32:1-5 (CSB)

How joyful is the one
whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered!

**Lord, forgive us for treasuring our sin
more than your forgiveness.**

How joyful is a person whom
the Lord does not charge with iniquity
and in whose spirit is no deceit!

**Lord, forgive us for saying "We have not sinned,"
instead of bringing our sin to you.**

When I kept silent, my bones became brittle
from my groaning all day long.

Lord, forgive us for trying to hide our sin.

For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was drained
as in the summer's heat.

Lord, forgive us for resisting your fatherly discipline.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not conceal my iniquity

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Time of silent confession.

Our Sung Confession

Lord I Need You

Verse 1

Lord, I come, I confess,
Bowing here I find my rest,

And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart. (Chorus)

Chorus

Lord, I need You! Oh, I need You!
Ev'ry hour I need You!
My one defense, my righteousness—
Oh, God, how I need You.

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free;
Holiness is Christ in me. (Chorus)

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay. (Chorus)

Tag

My one defense, my righteousness—
Oh, God, how I need You.

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Assurance and Peace

We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Remember the Gospel & The Lord's Supper

From Titus 3:3-7 (NIV)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, what were we?

**We were foolish, disobedient, deceived
and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures.
We lived in malice and envy,
being hated and hating one another.**

How did we escape this?

**When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,
he saved us,
not because of righteous things we had done,
but because of his mercy.**

How did God save us?

**He saved us through the washing of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
whom he poured out on us generously
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Why did God save us?

**So that, having been justified by his grace,
we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.**

Distribution of the elements. Singing of "There is an Everlasting Kindness"

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Singing of "All Glory Be to Christ"

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

There is an Everlasting Kindness (Compassion Hymn)

Verse 1

There is an everlasting kindness
You lavished on us,
When the radiance of heaven
Came to rescue the lost.
You called the sheep without a shepherd
To leave their distress
For Your streams of forgiveness
And the shade of Your rest.

Verse 2

And with compassion for the hurting
You reached out your hand
As the lame ran to meet You
And the dead breathed again.
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow
And shared in our tears;
Heard the sigh of the weary,
Let the children draw near. (Chorus)

Chorus

**What boundless love, what fathomless grace
You have shown us, O God of compassion.
Each day we live an offering of praise,
As we show to the world Your compassion.**

Verse 3

We stood beneath the cross of Calv'ry
And gazed on Your face
At the thorns of oppression
And the wounds of disgrace;
For surely You have borne our suffering
And carried our grief,
As You pardoned the scoffer
And showed grace to the thief. (Chorus)

Verse 4

How beautiful the feet that carry
This gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice
And the valleys of need.
To be a voice of hope and healing,
To answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless
With the mercy of Christ. (Chorus)

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All Glory Be to Christ

Verse 1

Should nothing of our efforts stand,
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house,
In vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain,
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn,
All glory be to Christ! (Chorus)

Chorus

**All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!**

Verse 2

His will be done, His kingdom come,
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread,
Praise Him the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ! (Chorus)

Verse 3

When on the day the great I Am,
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain,
Is making all things new,
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e're his people be,
All glory be to Christ! (Chorus 2X's)

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Thanksgiving and Petition

We Give Thanks in Prayer and Offer Petitions to God

We express our gratitude to God our Father for Christ's work on the cross for us and bring our requests before him. In bringing our requests, we confess that we believe God truly is a good father, who cares about our needs and gives us what he knows is best.

We Give Thanks by Giving

*We give financial offerings to support the work of the church because of our gratitude to God. By giving we confess we are trusting in God's provision for us as well.
On the first Sunday of each month we have two offerings—one for the general fund and a second one for the benevolence ministry of our church.
You may give electronically at gabcames.org/giving/ or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.*

Scripture Reading

Acts 11:19-30 (ESV)

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. ²² The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. ²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

²⁷ Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). ²⁹ So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. ³⁰ And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

This is the word of the Lord.

**The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord endures forever.**

Sermon

Acts 11:19-30 - A Gospel Church - Pastor Michael Felkins

Sending

Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in spoken word.

Blessing

Psalm 134:3 (CSB)

May the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth,
bless you from Zion.

Amen.