

Sample ORDER OF SERVICE

(Bold type signifies Congregation sings)

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

INVOCATION

Congregational SONG

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Sung)

**Once again I sit here grieving
Over things that I have done
Yet my great fault is disbelieving
In the fullness of Your Son**

**I have gathered all my treasures
Forged them into calves of gold
Looked on them as my deliverers
To their hands my life I've sold**

**I have purchased shame and poverty
Greater bondage than before
Carefully constructed misery
I am broken, weak and poor**

**Take my filthy rags, they're all I own
Break the idols that wove them for me
All the guilt must fall on me alone
Save for what was nailed to the tree**

(Pastor sings)

Now I have heard your cry
For mercy and release
For pardon and for peace

A servant of the Word
I stand before your face
I announce to you His grace

Let it be as you believe
Let it be as you believe

So not by my own power
But in the Name of the Holy One
Father, Spirit, Son

And in our Shepherd's place
By order of the Prince of Peace
Your sins I now release

Now the tomb is a place for the living,
His people by death no longer defiled.
Now your sins are washed clean by forgiving
Your Father has chosen you as His little child

(All sing)

**I will sing of Your love forever,
Your faithfulness to all make known,
No power is able to sever me
From Your great mercy - I am Your own**

**Let Your Comforter fill up my longing
And complete what He's begun
Seal in me that sense of belonging
To the family of Your Son**

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! Jesus lives!
All you debtors released from prison
Shout for joy that He forgives!**

A CALL TO HEAR THE WORD

"Fix Our Eyes"

**C: Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
The author and perfecter of our faith,
Who, for the joy set before him,
Endured the cross, scorning its shame,
And sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

(Pastor Horn sings some verses, Congregation sings chorus)

READINGS *(Special music between readings, possibly)*

CREED **All Glory Be To God On High**
or some other creedal hymn or song

THE MESSAGE IN WORD AND SONG
(A sermon with music, concert with more talking than usual type of thing)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING *(Dave sings a song appropriate to the day)*

THE LORD'S SUPPER *(if offered)*

PRAYER

Congregational SONG or HYMN

BENEDICTION

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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Usually Dave provides all the music for the service and an organist is not required. Sometimes the local choir sings or other special music is presented. That's fine, of course.

The message is usually based on the pericopal system or some special emphasis such as a Friendship Sunday, Rally Day, Stewardship, Youth, etc. The aim is always for the Gospel to predominate as eyes are fixed on the incarnate Christ.

This is an alternate special musical service. It changes to meet local needs. Dave also offers a gentle guitar led version of TLH page 5. These services are more intimate or subtle than those led by organ or worship band. The congregation is led decisively, but can hear itself sing.

Dave is a preacher who writes music and presents it to the church, and not an agent of change regarding worship forms.

Dave Horn

Singing the Cross and the Empty Tomb

A Sample Order of Service

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