

ACTIVE REST

Jesus gives us rest from our divisions. He has broken down the walls of race, political party, and social status through his death and resurrection. And Jesus works today through us to expose bias, to heal hurts, to establish justice, and form bonds of love. But Jesus does the work, so as we co-labor we can truly rest in him.

This service was designed for worship in Hodges Chapel, a grand and ornate space where we sense the majesty and beauty of God and the rich history of the church. In this house of worship, we are prone to hush our voices and perceive in the spirit of Psalm 90 our limits as human beings. The style of the service, therefore, is primarily formal and traditional, yet festive incorporating the organ, piano, acoustic guitar and choral ensemble to voice our prayers and songs.

Genesis 3:1-13
Psalm 133
Ephesians 2:11-22

CHOOSING MUSIC // for singing

[Behold the Goodness of Our Lord](#) [Key of Dm]

Words: Fred R. Anderson (b. 1941)
© 1986 Fred R. Anderson, from *Singing Psalms of Joy and Praise*
Music (DETROIT 8.6.8.6): Supplement to *Kentucky Harmony*, 1820; P.D.

[Holy God We Praise Your Name](#) [Key of F]

Words: Te Deum, 4th c.; vers. Ignaz Franz, ca. 1774, P.D.
Music (GROSSER GOTT 7.8.7.8.7.7): *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774, P.D.

[Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty](#) [Key of D]

Words: Reginald Heber, 1827, P.D.
Music (NICEA 11.12.12.10): John B. Dykes, 1861, P.D.

[Let All Things Now Living](#) [Key of F]

Words: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, P.D.
Music (ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11 D): Welsh

[Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service](#) [Key of F]

Words: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984)
© 1988 Oxford University Press
Music (PLEADING SAVIOR 8.7.8.7 D): J. Leavitt's *Christian Lyre*, 1830, P.D.

[Miren que Bueno / Oh, Look and Wonder](#) [Key of C]

Words and Music: Pablo Sosa (b. 1933)
© 1972 GIA Publications, Inc.

[O God Beyond All Praising](#) [Key of Bb]

Words: Michael Perry (1942-1996)

© 1982, 1987 The Jubilate Group, admin. Hope Publishing Company

Music: (THAXTED 7.6.7.6 triple): Gustav Holst (1874-1934), 1921, P.D.

[Perdón Señor](#) [Key of Dm]

Words and Music: Jorge Lockward (b. 1965)

English tr. Raquel M. Martinez

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[Take My Life and Let It Be](#) [Key F]

Words: Francis R. Havergal, 1874, P.D.

Music: (HENDON 7.7.7.7. with repeat): H.A. Cesar Malan, 1827, P.D.

[The Kingdom of God is Justice and Peace](#) [Key of G]

Words and Music: The Community of Taizé

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GIA Publications, Inc., exclusive North American agent.

[We Are Called](#) [Key of G]

Words and Music: David Haas (b. 1967)

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VISUAL ARTS // for seeing

Active Rest, by Joe Cory



If using projection in your space, consider projecting this image on the screen as people gather to help communicate the theme for worship. During the service incorporate a portion of the image as a side, top, or bottom banner on the screen to frame the lyrics and create a visual thread through the service.



SPOKEN WORD // for hearing

- **Sermon:** [Active Rest \(Guest Preacher, Cameron Thomas\)](#)
- **Call to Worship:**

The God of creation makes us one in body!
Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!
The God of Christ makes us one in the Spirit!
Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!

Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.
Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.
Let us worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.
To the one true God be praise
in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.

SOURCE: The Worship Sourcebook, 2nd Ed. (Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI), S.1.2.2.

- **God's Greeting:**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 13:14, NIV

- **Prayer of Adoration:**

We praise you for creating this world in all beauty,
for redeeming the world through Christ, our Lord,
and for sending us the gift of your Spirit
to encourage, instruct, and sustain us.
We long for your Spirit to work among us now,
to inspire our praise, to challenge us with your truth,
and to equip us for service in your world. Amen.

SOURCE: The Worship Sourcebook, 2nd Ed. (Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI), S.1.2.2.

- **Words of Assurance:**

You are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

People of God,
all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.
In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed,
and made to be a community united in faith.
Thanks be to God.

TEXT: Based on 1 Peter 2:9-10, NRSV

SOURCE: The Worship Sourcebook, 2nd Ed. (Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI), S.2.4

- **Responsive litany of the Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

CHORAL ARTS // for listening

[Trinity Song](#), arr. Luke Enders © 2019, Luke Enders

[SATB Choral Arrangement](#) with piano [Key of Eb]

Words and Music: Sandra McCracken

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[Prayer of St. Francis](#)

SATB Choral Arrangement [Key of D]

Words: St. Francis of Assisi, P.D.

Music: Allen Pote, arr. by Robert Delgado; © 1986 and 2012 by Hinshaw Music, Inc.
[Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace](#)

SATB Choral Arrangement with Organ [Key of E]

Words: St. Francis of Assisi, P.D.

Music: John Rutter © 1980 by Hinshaw Music, Inc.



SAMPLE WORSHIP SERVICE

REST IN GOD

Gathering:

Organ Prelude

A prelude in Eb to segue directly to Trinity Song

Choral Introit: [Trinity Song](#) (Eb)

Our bonds of love find their source in the Triune God. Consider singing with a vocal quartet, octet, or choral ensemble

Call to Worship:

The God of creation makes us one in body!
Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!
The God of Christ makes us one in the Spirit!
Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!

God's Greeting: 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Praise:

[Let All Things Now Living](#) (F)

We are also united with creation to voice God's praise. Consider including a soprano descant for the choir and congregation. Use the organ to accompany.

Prayer of Adoration:

We praise you for creating this world in all beauty,
for redeeming the world through Christ, our Lord,
and for sending us the gift of your Spirit
to encourage, instruct, and sustain us.
We long for your Spirit to work among us now,
to inspire our praise, to challenge us with your truth,
and to equip us for service in your world. Amen.

Confession & Assurance:

Our communion with the Triune God and relationship with creation is broken and spoiled by our fall into sin.

[Perdón Señor](#) (Dm)

Consider having a soloist or choir sing the verses in English and have the congregation singing the refrain in Spanish.



Words of Assurance: 1 Peter 2:9-10

We are restored in fellowship with God through Jesus Christ.

You are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

People of God,
all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.
In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed,
and made to be a community united in faith.
Thanks be to God.

Dedication:

[We Are Called](#) (G)

We are called to be agents of God's renewal, to be active in God's work of bringing rest.
Consider having the choir sing verse 1 & 2 with the congregation on the refrains and all the people on verse 3 and refrain. Use piano and guitar as possibly hand percussion to accompany

Passing the Peace

We are called to people of justice, who love with tenderness, who serve one another and walk humbly with God. But we are also called to be people of peace. Friends, you are invited now to share that peace with one another saying, "The peace of the Lord be with you."

Listening:

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 3:1-13

Psalm 133: [Miren que Bueno / Oh, Look and Wonder](#) (C)

Consider incorporating hand percussion, piano, and guitar. Have the congregation sing the refrain and the choir lead the verses in Spanish or English.

New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon: [Active Rest \(Guest Preacher, Cameron Thomas\)](#)

Prayer



Responding:

Choral Prayer: [Prayer of St. Francis](#)

Or

Responsive litany of the Prayer of St. Francis

[Take My Life and Let It Be](#) (F)

Organ accompaniment.

Sending:

BENEDICTION:

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

May God give you the grace not to sell yourself short,
grace to risk something big for something good,
grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous
for anything but truth,
and too small for anything but love.

May God take your minds and think through them;
May God take your lips and speak through them;
and may God take your hearts and set them on fire.

Amen.

Organ Postlude



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