

A SERVICE OF THE WORD
October 10, 2021

The Welcome & Announcements
The Prelude & Silent Preparation

-THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP-

The Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1-3

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord, give praise, O servants of the Lord, ² who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God! ³ Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

The Invocation & Prayer of Praise

Psalm 98A

O Sing a New Song to the Lord

1. O sing a new song to the LORD,
*for wonders he has done,
for wonders he has done.*

By his right hand and holy arm
*the vict'ry he has won,
the vict'ry he has won,
the vict'ry he has won.*

2. God's great salvation is revealed,
*for he has made it known,
for he has made it known.*

He in the sight of nations all
*his righteousness has shown,
his righteousness has shown,
his righteousness has shown.*

3. He has remembered Isr'el's house
*in mercy and in truth,
in mercy and in truth.*

God's great salvation has been shown
*to all the ends of earth,
to all the ends of earth,
to all the ends of earth.*

4. O all the earth, exalt the LORD
*and make a joyful noise,
and make a joyful noise.*

Lift up your voice aloud to him;
*sing praises and rejoice,
sing praises and rejoice,
sing praises and rejoice.*

5. O praise the LORD with voice and harp,
*with harps your praises sing,
with harps your praises sing.*
Make joyful noise with trumpet and horn
*before the LORD, the King,
before the LORD, the King,
before the LORD, the King.*

6. Let sea and land and all they hold
*resound with one accord,
resound with one accord.*

Let rivers clap, let mountains sing
*for joy before the Lord,
for joy before the Lord,
for joy before the Lord.*

7. He surely comes to judge the earth;
*the judge of all is he,
the judge of all is he.*
He'll judge the world with righteousness,
*all men with equity,
all men with equity,
all men with equity.*

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-THE LORD ASSURES US OF HIS FORGIVENESS-

The Call to Confession

Isaiah 1:18

¹⁸ Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sin are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

The Confession of Sin

Silent Prayers of Confession

General Prayer of Confession

Unison:

Gracious and most merciful heavenly Father, we come to you this morning in the name of Christ our Lord, who is the propitiation for all our sins. We confess that although you have forgiven us, we still are plagued by sin in our daily lives. We recognize that we have no hope of forgiveness apart from Christ our Savior, and so we pray that you will forgive us in his name. Please grant to us, along with that forgiveness, newness of life in our hearts that works in us to strive against sin. We know that it is a lifelong struggle, and so we pray that we might learn to depend at every point upon your grace and power. May your Spirit work in us that which is pleasing in your sight, that your name might be glorified until we reach that blessed communion with you when sin will be removed completely from us. This we pray in the name of Christ the Lord, our Savior.

The Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Hymn #378

Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious

1. Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious:
see the Man of Sorrows now;
from the fight returned victorious,
ev'ry knee to him shall bow.
Crown him! Crown him!
Crowns become the Victor's brow.
2. Crown the Savior, angels, crown him;
rich the trophies Jesus brings;
in the seat of pow'r enthrone him,
while the vault of heaven rings.
Crown him! Crown him!
Crown the Savior King of kings.
3. Sinners in derision crowned him,
mocking thus the Savior's claim;
saints and angels crowd around him,
own his title, praise his name.
Crown him! Crown him!
Spread abroad the Victor's fame!
4. Hark! those bursts of acclamation!
Hark! those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station;
O what joy the sight affords!
Crown him! Crown him!
King of kings and Lord of lords.

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The Prayer of the Church

Psalm 34:17-18

¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

-THE LORD INSTRUCTS US FROM HIS WORD-

The Old Testament Reading

2 Chronicles 1:7-13 (ESV)

⁷ In that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁸ And Solomon said to God, "You have shown great and steadfast love to David my father, and have made me king in his place. ⁹ O LORD God, let your word to David my father be now fulfilled, for you have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth. ¹⁰ Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can govern this people of yours, which is so great?" ¹¹ God answered Solomon, "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for possessions, wealth, honor, or the life of those who hate you, and have not even asked for long life, but have asked for wisdom and knowledge for yourself that you may govern my people over whom I have made you king, ¹² wisdom and knowledge are granted to you. I will also give you riches, possessions, and honor, such as none of the kings had who were before you, and none after you shall have the like." ¹³ So Solomon came from ^[a] the high place at Gibeon, from before the tent of meeting, to Jerusalem. And he reigned over Israel.

The New Testament Reading

Colossians 1:1-20 (ESV)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

The Sermon

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A Prayer for the Church

Colossians 1:9-12

Hymn #524

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehova

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven,
Bread of heaven,
feed me 'til I want no more,
feed me 'til I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliv'rer,
strong Deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises,
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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The Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Unison:

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Closing Prayer

The Doxology #565

Praise ye the Lord, Ye Hosts Above

1. Praise ye the Lord, ye hosts above,
in yonder heav'nly height,
and bless the Lord, ye saints below,
who in his praise delight.
2. By all his creatures let his name
be honored and adored;
let all that breathe in praise unite
to glorify the Lord.

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