

# A SERVICE OF THE WORD & SACRAMENT

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The Welcome & Announcements  
The Prelude & Silent Preparation m,

## -THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP-

### The Call to Worship

*Philippians 4:4*

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

### The Salutation

*Ephesians 1:2*

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## The Invocation & Prayer of Praise

## -THE LORD ASSURES US OF HIS FORGIVENESS-

### The Call to Confession

*Matthew 18:21-22*

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

### The Confession of Sin

*Silent Prayers of Confession*

*General Prayer of Confession*

Minister:

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### The Assurance of Pardon

*1 John 2:1-2*

<sup>1</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

### Hymn #374

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all.

2. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,  
and crown him Lord of all.

3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.

4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
go, spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all.

5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall;  
we'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all;  
we'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all.

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### **The Prayer of the Church**

*Psalm 118:8-9*

<sup>8</sup> It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

<sup>9</sup> It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

### **-THE LORD INSTRUCTS US FROM HIS WORD-**

#### **The Old Testament Reading**

Deuteronomy 7:1-11 (*ESV*)

<sup>1</sup> “When the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than you, <sup>2</sup> and when the LORD your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then you must devote them to complete destruction. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them. <sup>3</sup> You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons, <sup>4</sup> for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the LORD would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly. <sup>5</sup> But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire. <sup>6</sup> “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup> It was not because you

were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup> but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, <sup>10</sup> and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. <sup>11</sup> You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.

### **The New Testament Reading**

Ephesians 1:1-14 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

### **The Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Michael J. Matossian

*A Benedictory Address: Praising God for His Grace*

Ephesians 1:3-14

### **Hymn #425**

*How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place*

1. How sweet and awesome is the place  
with Christ within the doors,  
while everlasting love displays  
the choicest of her stores.
2. While all our hearts and all our songs  
join to admire the feast,  
each of us cries, with thankful tongue,  
"Lord, why was I a guest?"
3. "Why was I made to hear your voice,  
and enter while there's room,  
when thousands make a wretched choice,  
and rather starve than come?"
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast  
that sweetly drew us in;  
else we had still refused to taste,  
and perished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God,  
constrain the earth to come;  
send your victorious Word abroad,  
and bring the strangers home.

6. We long to see your churches full,  
that all the chosen race  
may, with one voice and heart and soul,  
sing your redeeming grace.

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## **-THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS TABLE-**

### **The Confession of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

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 Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*Words of Institution*

*The Breaking of the Bread*

*The Sharing of the Cup*

## **-THE LORD DISMISSES US TO HIS SERVICE-**

### **The Benediction**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

<sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### **The Doxology #564**

*Now Blessed Be Jehovah God*

1. Now blessed be Jehova God,  
the God of Israel,  
who only doeth wondrous works,  
in glory that excel;  
who only doeth wondrous works,  
in glory that excel.

2. And blessed be his glorious name  
to all eternity;  
the whole earth let his glory fill;  
amen: so let it be;  
the whole earth let his glory fill;  
amen: so let it.

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*NOTE: All scripture quotations taken from the ESV (English Standard Version of the Bible)*