LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 24, 2020

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. —Psalm 29:2

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

HEBREWS 12:18-24

For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire,

and to blackness and darkness and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it

begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore.

(For they could not endure what was commanded:

"And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow."

And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.")

But you have come to Mount Zion

and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven,

to God the Judge of all,

to the spirits of just men made perfect,

to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all grace,

Forgive me for serving thee in sinful ways –
by glorying in my own strength
rather than your sufficiency,
by doing to make you satisfied with me,
rather than because I am satisfied with you,
by being motivated by the applause of man
rather than by desire for your glory,
by trusting in my self image of my spirituality
rather than the completed work of Christ.

Help me to see -

that it is faith stirred by grace
that is the only pure motive of service,
that you act upon the soul
when by faith we see you in your purity.

Forgive me Lord, and by your grace make me an instrument of your love.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ROMANS 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me 499

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

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PASTORAL PRAYER

► HYMN

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

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Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart ev'ry word; tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard. Tell how the angels, in chorus, sang as they welcomed his birth, "Glory to god in the highest! Peace and good tidings to earth."

Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart ev'ry word; tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.

Fasting alone in the desert, tell of the days that are past, how for our sins he was tempted, yet was triumphant at last. Tell of the years of his labor, tell of the sorrow he bore; he was despised and afflicted, homeless, rejected, and poor.

Tell of the cross where they nailed him, writhing in anguish and pain; tell of the grave where they laid him, tell how he liveth again.

Love in that story so tender, clearer than ever I see: stay, let me weep while you whisper; love paid the ransom for me.

Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart ev'ry word; tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.

SCRIPTURE ROMANS 5:12-21

SERMON "Hyper Grace"

HYMN OF RESPONSE Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord 465

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away?

Look! There is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today.

BENEDICTION