

**A SERVICE OF THE WORD & SACRAMENT**  
**July 19, 2020**

The Welcome & Announcements  
The Prelude & Silent Preparation

**-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**  
*(James 5:15-16)*

<sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

**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)*

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.

**Psalm #126B**

*When in His Might the Lord Arose*

1. When in his might the Lord  
arose to set us free,  
and Zion was restored  
from her captivity,  
in transports then of joy and mirth  
we praised the Lord of all the earth.

2. The nations saw with fear  
the might of God displayed,  
when he at last drew near  
to give his people aid;  
great things for us the Lord has wrought,  
and gladness to our hearts has brought.

3. Again refresh us, Lord,  
with your reviving love,  
and be your blessing poured  
in mercy from above;  
by grace revive our hearts again,  
as streams refreshed by copious rain.

4. Although with bitter tears  
the sower bears his seed,  
when harvest time appears  
he shall be glad indeed;  
for they that in the sowing weep  
shall yet in joy and gladness reap.

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**The Prayer of the Church**

*(Psalm 34:17)*

<sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

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

### **The Old Testament Reading**

*Jeremiah 7:1-20 (ESV)*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. <sup>4</sup>Do not trust in these deceptive words: ‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.’

<sup>5</sup>“For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, <sup>6</sup>if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, <sup>7</sup>then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.

<sup>8</sup>“Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. <sup>9</sup>Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, <sup>10</sup>and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—only to go on doing all these abominations? <sup>11</sup>Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the LORD. <sup>12</sup>Go now to my place that was in Shiloh, where I made my name dwell at first, and see what I did to it because of the evil of my people Israel. <sup>13</sup>And now, because you have done all these things, declares the LORD, and when I spoke to you persistently you did not listen, and when I called you, you did not answer, <sup>14</sup>therefore I will do to the house that is called by my name, and in which you trust, and to the place that I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. <sup>15</sup>And I will cast you out of my sight, as I cast out all your kinsmen, all the offspring of Ephraim.

<sup>16</sup>“As for you, do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with me, for I will not hear you. <sup>17</sup>Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? <sup>18</sup>The children gather wood, the fathers kindle fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven. And they pour out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke me to anger. <sup>19</sup>Is it I whom they provoke? declares the LORD. Is it not themselves, to their own shame? <sup>20</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, my anger and my wrath will be poured out on this place, upon man and beast, upon the trees of the field and the fruit of the ground; it will burn and not be quenched.”

### **The New Testament Reading**

*1 John 5:13-21 (ESV)*

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

<sup>16</sup>If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God<sup>[a]</sup> will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. <sup>17</sup>All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.

<sup>18</sup> We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

<sup>19</sup> We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

<sup>20</sup> And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. <sup>21</sup> Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

### **The Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Michael Matossian

*Prayer and Other People's Sins*  
(1 John 5:13-21)

### **Hymn #518**

*Come, My Soul, with Every Care*

1. Come, my soul, with ev'ry care;  
Jesus loves to answer prayer.  
He himself bids you to pray.  
He will never turn away,  
he will never turn away.
  
2. You are coming to a king-  
large petitions with you bring.  
For his grace and pow'r are such,  
none can ever ask too much,  
none can ever ask too much.
  
3. With my burden I begin:  
Lord, remove this load of sin;  
let your blood, for sinners spilt,  
set my conscience free from guilt,  
set my conscience free from guilt.
  
4. Lord, your rest to me impart;  
take possession of my heart.  
There your blood-bought right maintain,  
and without a rival reign,  
and without a rival reign.

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

**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 Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*The 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)*

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 #150C**

*Sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!*

Sing hallelujah! Praise the Lord!  
Praise God within his sacred courts!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise, praise him in his heav'nly height!  
Praise, praise him for his deeds of might!  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!

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