

# A SERVICE OF THE WORD & SACRAMENT

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The Prelude  
The Welcome & Announcements  
The Silent Preparation

## -THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP-

### The Salutation

1 Corinthians 1:3

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### The Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-9 (Responsively)

<sup>1</sup> Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
**sing to the LORD, all the earth!**

<sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
**tell of his salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,  
**his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

<sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
**he is to be feared above all gods.**

<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
**but the LORD made the heavens.**

<sup>6</sup> Splendor and majesty are before him;  
**strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**

<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
**tremble before him, all the earth!**

### Hymn #239

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise him for his grace and favor  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him, still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Fatherlike, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
widely as his mercy goes.

4. Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
praise the High Eternal One.

5. Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
praise with us the God of grace.

### **The Invocation & Prayer of Praise**

## **-THE LORD ASSURES US OF HIS FORGIVENESS-**

### **The Call to Confession**

Isaiah 59:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; <sup>2</sup> but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

### **The Confession of Sin**

- ❖ Silent Prayers of Confession
- ❖ General Prayer of Confession

Unison:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Amen. (*Psalms 51:1-5, 7, 9-12, 17*)

### **The Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 6:23

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Hymn #446

### *Be Thou My Vision*

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## The Prayer of the Church

1 Samuel 1:10-11

<sup>10</sup> She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup> And she vowed a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head."

## -THE LORD INSTRUCTS US FROM HIS WORD-

### The Old Testament Reading

Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### The New Testament Reading

John 13:31-14:7

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." <sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus

answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." <sup>37</sup> Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." <sup>38</sup> Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times. "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Hebrews 11:8-16

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. <sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

### **The Sermon**

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*A Place for You*

John 14 & Hebrews 11

### **Hymn #534**

*Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God*

1. Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,  
in ev'ry part with praise,  
that my whole being may proclaim  
thy being and thy ways.  
Not for the lip of praise alone,  
nor e'en the praising heart,  
I ask, but for a life made up  
of praise in ev'ry part:
2. Praise in the common words I speak,  
life's common looks and tones,  
in fellowship enjoyed at home  
with my beloved ones,  
enduring wrong, reproach, or loss  
with sweet and steadfast will,  
forgiving freely those who hate,  
returning good for ill.

3. So shall each fear, each fret, each care  
be turned into a song,  
and ev'ry winding of the way  
the echo shall prolong.  
So shall no part of day or night  
from sacredness be free,  
but all my life, in ev'ry step,  
be fellowship with thee.

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

### **The Confession of Faith**

*The Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #1*

Q. *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

A. Unison:

That I am not my own, but belong —body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. (*Trinity Psalter Hymnal, p. 872*)

### **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**

*#226 - O the Deep, Unbounded Riches*

O the deep, unbounded riches  
of God deserve our praise!  
How unsearchable his judgments,  
how marvelous his ways!  
For who his thoughts has fathomed,  
or counsel to him giv'n?  
And who could make a debtor  
of God, the Lord of Heav'n?  
For from and through and to him  
are all things, now and then.  
To him be all the glory  
forevermore. Amen.