

A SERVICE OF THE WORD & SACRAMENT

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The Welcome & Announcements
The Prelude & Silent Preparation

-THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP-

The Salutation

Philippians 1:2

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1, 5-7

¹ Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! ⁵ God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! ⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Hymn #146

Praise the Lord! My Soul, O Praise Him!

1. Praise the LORD! My soul, O praise him!
I will praise him all my days.
I will sing while I have being;
I will sing to God my praise!
Put no confidence in princes,
mortal men who cannot save.
All their plans will come to nothing
when they perish in the grave.
2. O how blest the man who trusts in
Jacob's God to be his aid.
O how blest the one whose hope upon
the LORD his God is stayed,
he who made the earth and heaven
and the seas, with all their store;
he who keeps his word forever,
he is faithful evermore.
3. He will always render justice
for the sake of those oppressed.
He gives food to those who hunger,
satisfies their emptiness.
God releases all the pris'ners,
to the blind the LORD gives sight.
He lifts up those bowed in anguish
and relieves them from their plight.
4. How the LORD loves all the righteous,
and the alien defends,
helps the orphan and the widow,
judgment on the wicked sends.
God the LORD will reign forever;
Zion's God for evermore
reigns through ev'ry generation.
Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

The Invocation & Prayer of Praise

Unison:

Our Father in heaven, we have come to worship and bow down, and kneel before you the Lord our Maker, for you are our God and we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand.

We come to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world; he is our advocate with the Father; he is the only mediator between God and man; he always lives to make intercession for us. Through him we come boldly to your throne of grace. In his name we earnestly seek you. O Lord, our souls thirst for you, our flesh yearns for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Bow your heavens and come down. Inhabit the praises of your people; remember your promise, O Spirit of Christ, to be present in the midst of your worshiping people when two or more have gathered together in your name. Condescend to us; grant us the joy of your fellowship; speak to us through your word; and be blessed by our praise and adoration. Amen.

-THE LORD ASSURES US OF HIS FORGIVENESS-

The Call to Confession

Psalm 38:1-4

¹ O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath! ² For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me. ³ There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. ⁴ For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

The Confession of Sin

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

Unison:

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

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Hymn #532

Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall you better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Baptism

Luke James Smith
Silas Ezra Gruhn

Hymn #189

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear

1. Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord most dear,
as thou wast once an infant here,
so give this child of thine, we pray,
thy grace and blessing day by day.

Refrain:
O holy Jesus, Lord divine,
we pray thee guard this child of thine.
2. As in thy heav'nly kingdom, Lord,
all things obey thy sacred word,
do thou thy mighty succor give,
and shield this child by morn and eve. *[Refrain]*
3. Their watch let angels round him keep,
where'er he be, awake, asleep;
thy saving grace on him bestow,
that he in thee may live and grow. *[Refrain]*

The Prayer of the Church

1 Peter 5:6-7

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

-THE LORD INSTRUCTS US FROM HIS WORD-

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-14

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴ "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸ And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."⁹ And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. ¹⁰ This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹ You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹² He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, ¹³ both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴ Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

The New Testament Reading

Acts 2:29-47

²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.” ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

The Sermon

Rev. Dr. Michael J. Matossian

For You and Your Children
Acts 2:39

Hymn #501

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.
2. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things you do impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.
3. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
the hungering ones with manna sweet.
4. O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word
your love to tell, your praise to show.
5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when and where;
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

-THE LORD CALLS US TO 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

- ❖ 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

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

The Doxology

Ps. 69B (*Thy Loving-kindness, Lord, Is Good and Free, v 4*)

4. Let heav'n above his grace and glory tell,
let earth and sea and all that in them dwell;
salvation to his people God will give,
and they that love his name with him shall live.