

# Lord’s Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

March 27, 2022

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Quiet our minds, O God, and gladden our hearts; that, as we come together to worship you, we may draw near to your presence and find that this place is indeed the very gate of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

## GOD CALLS US

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Revelation 4:6b-8*

†HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Holy, Holy, Holy!”* ..... Selection 100

†SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE

Pastor: We gather to worship in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

The LORD be with you!

And also with you! Ruth 2:4

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

Of whom shall I be afraid? Ps. 27:1b

For we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God.

When the Christ who is our life appears, Col. 3:3-4  
we also will appear with him in glory. Alleluia!

Let us pray together:

O God, whose blessed Son, our great High Priest, has entered once for all into the holy place, and lives forever to intercede on our behalf: Grant that we, made holy by his death and resurrection, may draw near with full assurance of faith by the new and living way he has made for us in his flesh, and evermore serve you, the living God; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen!

## GOD CLEANSSES US

Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

See if there be any grievous way in me,

And lead me in the way everlasting. Ps. 139:23-24

+Silent Prayer of Confession+

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Now lift up your heads, and hear these words of comfort and good news from the Scriptures...

*“Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.”*

*Isaiah 44:23*

Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins; wherefore as Christ's minister and by his authority, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

†*“Doxology”* ..... Selection 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## GOD CONVERSES WITH US

OLD TESTAMENT READING ..... Isaiah 40:25-31

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING ..... 2 Timothy 4:6-18

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

†GOSPEL READING ..... John 21:15-22

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
Praise be to you, O Christ!

†HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”* ..... Selection 172

†We Respond by Confessing Our Faith ..... *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

†*“Gloria Patri”* ..... Selection 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

SERMON TEXT. .... Hebrews 12:1-2

*“The Christian Life in Miniature”* ..... Pastor Josh Anderson  
XXXIII. Exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews

†PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation...

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life...

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name forever and ever.

We give you thanks for all those who have died in Christ and whose souls are now in your presence as their bodies wait for the resurrection...

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

All these prayers, and even the desires of our hearts that are known only by your Holy Spirit, we offer to you, our Heavenly Father;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

## GOD COMMUNES WITH US

†COMMUNION HYMN

*“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”* ..... Selection 535

†The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Pastor: It is indeed right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, in union with the saints who have gone before us and the whole church on earth, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All:**        *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord Most High!*

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Prayer of Preparation & Faith

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your steadfast love, which endures forever. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Father, to partake of the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ, that we may grow into his likeness, and evermore abide in union with him, and he with us. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Pastor:    Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:  
**All:        Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

‡Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Wine

Pastor:    Let us confess the mystery of our faith:  
**All:        Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
              Christ will come again!**

**GOD COMMISSIONS US**

†Prayer of Dedication

**All gracious God, who of your infinite love gave your only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and rise again for our justification, and have made us partakers of your divine nature through the gift of the Holy Spirit; accept the fruits of our labors which we now present to you in this offering and also our very selves as we stand before you; and hear us as we pray as your Son taught us: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen!**

†Hymn of Praise

*“How Good It Is to Thank the Lord” (Psalm 92) . . . . . Selection 635*

†Pastoral Benediction

Pastor:    The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

**People:    Amen!**

†Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Hebrews 12:1-2*

[1] Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, [2] looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.



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