Lord's Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

PENTECOST SEASON

June 19, 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

Psalm 61:1-4

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"The God of Abraham Praise" (Verses 1-3, 5-6) Selection 34

†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

Keep us, O LORD, as the apple of your eye;

Hide us under the shadow of your wings! Ps. 17:8

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

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

Let us pray together:

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of your eternal love, which you have revealed to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

GOD CLEANSES US

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!

+Silent Prayer of Confession +

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 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. All this I ask in the name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

"It is the LORD who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever; and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever."

Psalm 136:23-24

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!

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!

GOD CONVERSES WITH US

Pastor: Give ear to my prayer, O God,

People: And hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

Attend to me, and answer me;

I am restless in my complaint and I moan,

Because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked.

For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me.

My heart is in anguish within me;

The terrors of death have fallen upon me.

Fear and trembling come upon me,

And horror overwhelms me.

And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove!

I would fly away and be at rest;

Yes, I would wander far away;

I would lodge in the wilderness;

I would hurry to find a shelter

From the raging wind and tempest."

Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues;

For I see violence and strife in the city.

Day and night they go around it on its walls,

And iniquity and trouble are within it;

Ruin is in its midst;

Oppression and fraud do not depart from its marketplace.

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;

It is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.

But it is you, a man, my equal,

My companion, my familiar friend.

We used to take sweet counsel together;

Within God's house we walked in the throng.

Let death steal over them; let them go down to Sheol alive;

For evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart.

But I call to God,

And the LORD will save me.

Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,

And he hears my voice.

He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,

For many are arrayed against me.

God will give ear and humble them, he who is enthroned from of old,

Because they do not change and do not fear God.

My companion stretched out his hand against his friends;

He violated his covenant.

His speech was smooth as butter, yet war was in his heart;

His words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords.

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;

He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

But you, O God, will cast them down into the pit of destruction; men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days.

But I will trust in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

†GOSPEL READING Luke 19:11-27

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The whiterobed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you took our flesh to set us free you humbly chose the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come to be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. Amen!

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. Psalm 55

"The Lord Will Sustain You" Pastor Josh Anderson

LV. Summer in the Psalter: Exposition of the Psalms

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

†COMMUNION HYMN

Be Thou My Vision" Selection 642

†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 beaven, who forever

and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

All:

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

Psalm 55

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Maskil of David.

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- [2] Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan,
- [3] because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked. For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me.
- [4] My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- [5] Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.
- [6] And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;
- [7] yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness;
- [8] I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest."
- [9] Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues; for I see violence and strife in the city.
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