

Lord’s Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

ORDINARY TIME

August 28, 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 100

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell" (Psalm 100) Selection 1

†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 of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our fortress! Ps 46:7

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:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts, receiving in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat us at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, we may feast with delight on all that satisfies our hunger and thirst for righteousness; through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

GOD CLEANSSES US

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God and Father, we confess to you, to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned; through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone.

+Silent Prayer of Confession +

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit raise us up to serve you in the newness of life, 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...

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.” Ephesians 1:3-4

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

FIRST READING Psalm 63

Pastor: O God, you are my God;

People: Earnestly I seek you.

My soul thirsts for you;

My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,

Beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life,

My lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;

In your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,

And my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed,

And meditate on you in the watches of the night;

For you have been my help;

And in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

My soul clings to you;

Your right hand upholds me.

But those who seek to destroy my life

Shall go down into the depths of the earth;

They shall be given over to the power of the sword:

They shall be a portion for jackals.

But the king shall rejoice in God;

All who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

SECOND READING Isaiah 54:11-55:3

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

†GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:1-10

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“Rejoice, the Lord is King” Selection 310 (Darwall tune)

†We Respond by Confessing Our Faith. *The Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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. Psalm 63

“Feasting on God” Pastor Josh Anderson
LXIII. Summer in the Psalter: Exposition of the Psalms

†PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

P: 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

†“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star!” Selection 515

†The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you!
People: And also with you!
Lift up your hearts.
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!

†“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Selection 92

†Pastoral Benediction

Psalm 63

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

- [1] O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- [2] So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
- [3] Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
- [4] So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.
- [5] My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
- [6] when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
- [7] for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
- [8] My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.
- [9] But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;
- [10] they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals.
- [11] But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.



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