

# Lord’s Day Worship

## A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

### FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

March 12, 2023

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Quiet our minds, O God, and gladden our hearts; that, as we come together to worship you, we may, by your Spirit, be drawn 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 48:1a, 12-14*

#### †HYMN OF PRAISE

*"The God of Abraham Praise".....* Selection 34

#### †SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE

**Pastor:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever!**

The LORD be with you!

**And also with you!** Ruth 2:4

I know that my Redeemer lives,

**And at the last he will stand upon the earth.**

And after my skin has been thus destroyed,

**Yet in my flesh I shall see God!** Job 19:25-6

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:

**O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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

#### †PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*+Silent Prayer of Confession +*

**Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed.**

**Therefore, O Father, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### †DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

*“With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.”*

*Isaiah 12:3*

**Pastor:** 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..... Exodus 24:17-25:16

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING ..... Revelation 21:9-21

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

†GOSPEL READING ..... Matthew 7:24-27

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

#### †HYMN OF PRAISE

*"O Father, You Are Sovereign".....* Selection 75

†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

SERMON TEXT..... Genesis 6:9-22

#### PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

*“Noah’s Ark: The Temple & Seed of The New Creation”....* Pastor Josh Anderson  
IX. Exposition of Genesis 4-12: The True History of the World

#### †PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**Pr:** We beseech you to hear us, O Lord God: That it may please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal in the right way,

**P:** **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To illumine our pastors and all ministers of the gospel, with true knowledge and understanding of your Word; and that, both by their preaching and their living, they may show it forth accordingly,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To send forth laborers into your harvest; to prosper the work of all missionaries, especially Wes & Jami; Doug & Masha; Eric & Allison; Graham & Sarah; John & Ellen; Bradford & Christina; Justin & Kathryn; to make your saving health known unto all nations; and to hasten the coming of your kingdom,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To give us a heart to love and fear you, and diligently to keep your commandments,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To strengthen the bonds of those in Holy Matrimony; to uphold the widowed and abandoned; and to comfort all whose homes are torn by strife,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To protect the unborn and their parents, and to preserve all women in childbirth,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To care for those who have lost children or face infertility, and to provide for young children and orphans,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To visit the lonely and those who grieve; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body and spirit; to heal the sick; to comfort with your presence those who are failing and infirm,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To strengthen those who stand; to encourage the faint-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

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

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

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

*"At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing".....* Selection 420

#### †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!**

†Hymn of Praise

*"The Church’s One Foundation"..... Selection 347*

†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.

*Genesis 6:9-22*

[9] These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. [10] And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

[11] Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. [12] And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. [13] And God said to Noah, “I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. [14] Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. [15] This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. [16] Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. [17] For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. [18] But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. [19] And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. [20] Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. [21] Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them.” [22] Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.



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