# Lord's Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

#### **ORDINARY TIME**

September 26, 2021

**PRELUDE** 

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Quiet our minds, O God, and gladden our hearts; that, as we come together to worship you, we may be open 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

Leviticus 23:1-3

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne" (Psalm 100) . . . . . . . . . Selection 65

†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

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

The maker of heaven and earth! Ps. 124:8

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:

Almighty God, who has given a day of worship and rest to your people, and through your Spirit in the Church, have set apart the first day of the week to be a perpetual memorial of your Son's resurrection: Grant that we may so use your gift that, refreshed and strengthened in soul and body, we may serve you faithfully all the days of our life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. 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...

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."

Psalm 51:17

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!

## GOD CONVERSES WITH US

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING ... Hebrews 10:19-25
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

†GOSPEL READING ... Luke 4:14-21
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!
Praise be to you, O Christ!

†HYMN OF PRAISE
"O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely" (Psalm 84) ... Selection 371

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.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven

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!

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.
SERMON TEXT. Haggai 1:1-13
"Lord's Day Worship"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

## GOD COMMUNES WITH US

†COMMUNION HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"	Selection 45
†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:

All:

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, with the angels and the archangels, and with all the company of heaven, along with the whole church on earth, we laud and magnify your glorious name, ever more praising you, and saying:

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

People:

Amen!

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 Pr "Lead C	raise On, O King Eternal" Selection 580
†Pastoral Be	nediction
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.

†Those who are able are invited to stand.

## Q. 116. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requireth of all men the sanctifying or keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his word, expressly one whole day in seven; which was the seventh from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, and the first day of the week ever since, and so to continue to the end of the world; which is the Christian sabbath, and in the New Testament called The Lord's Day.

### Q. 117. How is the sabbath or the Lord's day to be sanctified?

A. The sabbath or Lord's day is to be sanctified by an holy resting all the day, not only from such works as are at all times sinful, but even from such worldly employments and recreations as are on other days lawful; and making it our delight to spend the whole time (except so much of it as is to be taken up in works of necessity and mercy) in the public and private exercises of God's worship: and, to that end, we are to prepare our hearts, and with such foresight, diligence, and moderation, to dispose and seasonably dispatch our worldly business, that we may be the more free and fit for the duties of that day.

-Westminster Larger Catechism (1647)

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