Lord's Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

ORDINARY TIME

October 24, 2021

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 24:3-4, 9-10

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" Selection 289

†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!

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

The maker of heaven and earth!

Ps. 124:8

Ruth 2:4

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

When the Christ who is our life appears, 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 CLEANSES US

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

+Silent Prayer of Confession + Amen.

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

> "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins...But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

> > 1 Corinthians 15:17,20

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, ve heavenly host, praise Father. Son, and Holy Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOD CONVERSES WITH US

OLD TESTAMENT READING..... Leviticus 9:1-24

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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

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.

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 7:11-19

"Drawing Near to God through Our Risen Priest"..... Pastor Josh Anderson XVIII. Exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

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

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 those whom we love who have died in Christ and whose souls are now in your presence...

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

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" Selection 500

†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!

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:

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

"Worship Christ, the Risen King"...... Selection 286

†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 7:11-19

- [11] Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? [12] For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. [13] For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. [14] For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.
- [15] This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, [16] who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. [17] For it is witnessed of him,

"You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

[18] For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness [19] (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

Q. 44. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering himself a sacrifice without spot to God, to be a reconciliation for the sins of the people; and in making continual intercession for them.

Q. 55. How doth Christ make intercession?

A. Christ maketh intercession, by his appearing in our nature continually before the Father in heaven, in the merit of his obedience and sacrifice on earth, declaring his will to have it applied to all believers; answering all accusations against them, and procuring for them quiet of conscience, notwithstanding daily failings, access with boldness to the throne of grace, and acceptance of their persons and services.

-Westminster Larger Catechism (1647)

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