

Lord’s Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

EPIPHANY SEASON

February 20, 2022

PRELUDE
PRAYER OF PREPARATION <i>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.</i>
SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

GOD CALLS US

CALL TO WORSHIP <i>Psalm 29:1-2, 10-11</i>
†HYMN OF PRAISE <i>"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"</i> Selection 38
†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 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Ps. 34:8 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! Col. 3:3-4 Let us pray together: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD CLEANSSES 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. <i>+Silent Prayer of Confession+</i> Amen.
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†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Pastor: Now lift up your heads, and hear these words of comfort and good news from the Scriptures... <i>“And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.’”</i> <i>Mark 2:17</i> 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! † <i>“Doxology”</i> 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!
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GOD CONVERSES WITH US

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 50:15-21 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!
NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Timothy 2:1-13 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!
†GOSPEL READING John 12:20-26 This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!
†HYMN OF PRAISE <i>"Fairest Lord Jesus"</i> Selection 170

†We Respond by Confessing Our Faith <i>Nicene Creed</i> 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!

† <i>“Gloria Patri”</i> 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. Colossians 1:24-26 <i>"The Fruitfulness of Christian Suffering"</i> Pastor Josh Anderson
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Pastor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work; People: 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 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!
†COMMUNION HYMN <i>“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star!”</i> Selection 515
†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 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

“Rejoice, All Ye Believers”..... Selection 320

†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.

Colossians 1:24-26

[24] Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, [25] of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, [26] the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.



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