Lord's Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

ORDINARY TIME

September 4, 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

1 Peter 2:4-6

†Hymn of Praise

†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

Awesome is God from his sanctuary;

The God of Israel — he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

Ps 68:35

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 Lord, raise up, we pray, your power, and come among us, and with your great might strengthen us; that though our sins and weaknesses sorely hinder us in running the race set before us, your grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. 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...

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession...Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

1 Peter 2:9-10

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!

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	Leviticus	19:9-18
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!		
NEW TESTAMENT READING	Hebrews	13:1-25
This is the Word of the Lord.		
Thanks be to God!		
†GOSPEL READING	John 1	3:31-35

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"..... Selection 173

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.

†PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pr: Let us adore the Father, the God of love;

Who created us;

Who every moment preserves and sustains us;

Who has loved us with an everlasting love, and given us the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Jesus Christ... Silent prayer

P: We adore thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor;

Who was tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sin;

Who went about healing and preaching the good news of the kingdom of God;

Who became obedient unto death, even death on the cross;

Who was dead and is alive now forevermore;

Who has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers;

Who sits at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father;

Who shall come again as Judge and King...Silent prayer

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, by whom we are born into the family of God, and made members of the body of Christ;

Whose witness confirms us;

Whose wisdom teaches us;

Whose power enables us;

Who is ready to do for us exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or desire...Silent prayer

All praise to thee, O Holy Spirit.

And now, 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

†"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"..... Selection 193

†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!

†"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul" (Psalm 146) Selection 57

†Pastoral Benediction

Hebrews 13:1-3

[1] Let brotherly love continue. [2] Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. [3] Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.



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