## Lord's Day Worship

## A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

## **ORDINARY TIME**

September 25, 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

Revelation 4:6b-8

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"...... Selection 100

†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

He brought me to the banqueting house,

And his banner over me was love! S of S 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

Most holy and merciful Father; I acknowledge and confess before you my sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all my shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often I have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

+Silent Prayer of Confession +

But O Lord, have mercy on me, for I am ashamed and sorry for all that I have done to displease you. Teach me to hate my errors, cleanse me from my secret faults, and forgive my sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help me by your Spirit, I pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandment of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

## †DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

"[God] will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."

Micah 7:1

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING	5
This is the Word of the Lord.  Thanks be to God!	
NEW TESTAMENT READING	5
This is the Word of the Lord.  Thanks be to God!	
†GOSPEL READING Matthew 19:1-1	1
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!  Praise be to you, O Christ!	

#### †HYMN OF PRAISE

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!

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

"Let The Marriage Bed Be Undefiled" . . . . . . . . . Pastor Josh Anderson XXXIX. Exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews

#### †PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pr: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

P: 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 all those who have died in Christ and whose souls are now in your presence as their bodies wait for the resurrection...

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

†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!

†"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"...... Selection 498

†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 13:4

[4] Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

"Marriage is more than your love for each other. It has a higher dignity and power, for it is God's holy ordinance, through which He wills to perpetuate the human race till the end of time. In your love you see only your two selves in the world, but in marriage you are a link in the chain of the generations, which God causes to come and to pass away to His glory, and calls into His kingdom. In your love you see only the heaven of your own happiness, but in marriage you are placed at a post of responsibility towards the world and mankind. Your love is your own private possession, but marriage is more than something personal—it is a status, an office. Just as it is the crown, and not merely the will to rule, that makes the king, so it is marriage, and not merely your love for each other, that joins you together in the sight of God and man. As high as God is above man, so high are the sanctity, the rights, and the promise of marriage above the sanctity, the rights, and the promise of love. It is not your love that sustains the marriage, but from now on, the marriage that sustains your love."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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