

Lord's Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 18, 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

Pastor: My soul magnifies the Lord,

People: And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

For he has regarded

The lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from now on,

All generations will call me blessed;

For he that is mighty has magnified me,

And holy is his Name!

And his mercy is on those who fear him,

Throughout all generations.

He has shown the strength of his arm;

He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts;

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones,

And has exalted the humble and meek.

He has filled the hungry with good things,

And the rich he has sent empty away!

He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel,

As he promised to our father, Abraham and his seed forever.

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

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

(Luke 1:46-55)

†RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Selection 194

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy upon 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.

+Silent Prayer+

All this we ask through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near; your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

"I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness."

Isaiah 61:10a

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, ye heavenly host, praise Father,

Son, and Holy Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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William Peregrine Munzert

PASTORAL BLESSING

Pastor: For you, Pippin, Jesus Christ took on human flesh and was made man. For you he entered the shadow of Gethsemane and the horror of Calvary. For you he uttered the cry, "It is finished!" and died on the tree. For you Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven and there he intercedes — all this for you, little Pippin, though you do not yet know it. But in this way the word of the Gospel is made true:

All: "We love him, because he first loved us." Amen!

PRAYER & PASTORAL WELCOME

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, according to the commandment of Christ, this child, William Peregrine Munzert, is now received into the membership of the holy catholic Church and is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified and to be his faithful servant to his life's end. Therefore, welcome Pippin in the Lord as Jesus has also welcomed you, to the glory of God.

All: Amen. Alleluia!

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"Be Thou My Vision" Selection 642

GOD CONVERSES WITH US

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 32:22-32

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 5:5-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

†GOSPEL READING Luke 18:1-8

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†We Respond by Confessing Our Faith. *Apostles' Creed*

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.

†*"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.

SERMON TEXT Luke 18:1-8

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

"Our Lack of Hope & Jesus' Intercession" Pastor Josh Anderson
III. Advent 2022: Prayer

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

†COMMUNION HYMN

"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 a good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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!

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

"Joy to the World! The Lord is Come" Selection 195

†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.

Luke 18:1-8

[1] And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. [2] He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. [3] And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' [4] For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, [5] yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" [6] And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. [7] And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? [8] I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

"Now what sort of prayer will this be? 'O Lord, I am in doubt whether thou wilt to hear me, but because I am pressed by anxiety, I flee to thee, that, if I am worthy, thou mayest help me.' This is not the way of all the saints whose prayers we read in Scripture. And the Holy Spirit did not so instruct us through the apostle, who enjoins us to "draw near to the heavenly throne... with confidence, that we may receive... grace" (Heb. 4:16); and when he teaches elsewhere that we have boldness and access in confidence through faith in Christ (Eph. 3:12). If we would pray fruitfully, we ought therefore to grasp with both hands this assurance of obtaining what we ask, which the Lord enjoins with his own voice, and all the saints teach by their example. For only that prayer is acceptable to God which is born, if I may so express it, out of such presumption of faith, and is grounded in unshaken assurance of hope."

~John Calvin



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