# Lord's Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

### **EPIPHANY SEASON**

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#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Quiet our minds, O God, and gladden our hearts; that, as we come together to worship you, we may, by your Spirit, be drawn 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 98:4, 7-9

**†HYMN OF PRAISE** 

"All Creatures of Our God and King" Selection 1	"All Creatures d	f Our God and Ki	ng''	. Selection 115
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**†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
	This is the day that the LORD has made;	
	Let us rejoice and be glad in it!	Ps. 118:24
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:	

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all worldly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the renewal of your covenant with us this Lord's Day, and that our worship and rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal life promised to your people in the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

# **GOD CLEANSES US**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit. Ps. 32:1-2

#### <sup>†</sup>PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men: in thought and word and deed; in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, and through our own deliberate fault.

#### +Silent Prayer of Confession +

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

**†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** 

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

> "I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."

Psalm 32:5b

**Pastor:** 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!

# **GOD CONVERSES WITH US**

OLD TESTAMENT READING..... Leviticus 19:9-18, Proverbs 20:22

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING		Romans 12:14-21
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<sup>†</sup>GOSPEL READING ...... Matthew 5:38-48

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

#### <sup>†</sup>Hymn of Praise

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"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" ...... Selection 168

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

**†**COMMUNION HYMN

It is indeed right and good and a joyful thing, Pastor: 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: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and All: earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord Most High!

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#### PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

"The Vengeance of Man or The Justice of God" ..... Pastor Josh Anderson VI. Exposition of Genesis 4-12: The True History of the World

#### **†PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

#### 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**

"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star!" ...... Selection 515

<sup>†</sup>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!

#### 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!

#### <sup>‡</sup>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**

#### <sup>†</sup>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

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ...... Selection 92

#### <sup>†</sup>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

#### Genesis 4:17-26

[17] Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When he built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch. [18] To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech. [19] And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. [20] Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. [21] His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. [22] Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

[23] Lamech said to his wives:

"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say: I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me.

[24] If Cain's revenge is sevenfold, then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold."

[25] And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him." [26] To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.

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