# Lord's Day Worship

## A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

#### PENTECOST SEASON

July 9, 2023

**PRELUDE** 

#### 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 57:8-11

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ...... Selection 38

†SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF PRAISE

Pastor: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever! Amen!

The LORD be with you!

And also with you!

Ruth 2:4

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of Ps 27:1 whom shall I be afraid?

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:

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our cares on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of your love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

#### GOD CLEANSES US

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;

I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul,

Like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.

Ps. 131:1-2

#### †PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed-not only by our outward transgressions, but also in our secret thoughts and desires, which we cannot understand, but which are all known unto you.

+Silent Prayer of Confession +

And so we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

> "Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!"

> > Psalm 32:10-11

**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!

## WELCOME OF NEW MISSION PARTNERS

Ben, Anna, Peter, Lucas, Lilias, Owen & Joseph Graber – MTW Munich

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

All:

O God, you desire that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth: Prosper all those who live, preach, and teach the Gospel at home and in distant lands, especially Ben, Anna, Peter, Lucas, Lilias, Owen and Joseph; protect them in all perils, support them in their loneliness, sustain them in the hour of trial; give them your abundant grace to bear faithful witness; and endue them with burning zeal and love, that by their ministry, many may be turned to righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

# GOD CONVERSES WITH US

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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†GOSPEL READING ...... John 2:13-22

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"Who Is This, So Weak and Helpless" ..... Selection 239

†We Respond by Confessing Our Faith................. Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A: My only comfort in all things is that I am not my own, but belong: body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen!

†"Gloria Patri" ...... Selection 735 "They Hated Me Without A Cause"...... Pastor Ben Graber LXIX. Summer in the Psalter: Exposition of the Psalms

## GOD COMMUNES WITH US

†COMMUNION HYMN

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

†The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

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!

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:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, All:

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

"Jesus Shall Reign"......Selection 441

#### †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. Nu. 6:24-26

All: Amen!

#### Psalm 69

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. Of David.

- [1] Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.
- [2] I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.
- [3] I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.
- More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause; mighty are those who would destroy me, those who attack me with lies. What I did not steal must I now restore?
- [5] O God, you know my folly;

the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me,

O Lord GOD of hosts:

- let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel.
- [7] For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that dishonor has covered my face.
- I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons.
- [9] For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

- [10] When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach.
- [11] When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.
- [12] I am the talk of those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.
- [13] But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God,
  - in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness.
- [14] Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.
- [15] Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me.
- [16] Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.
- [17] Hide not your face from your servant, for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.
- [18] Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies!
- [19] You know my reproach, and my shame and my dishonor; my foes are all known to you.
- [20] Reproaches have broken my heart, so that I am in despair. I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none.
- [21] They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.
- [22] Let their own table before them become a snare; and when they are at peace, let it become a trap.
- [23] Let their eyes be darkened, so that they cannot see, and make their loins tremble continually.
- [24] Pour out your indignation upon them, and let your burning anger overtake them.
- [25] May their camp be a desolation; let no one dwell in their tents.
- [26] For they persecute him whom you have struck down, and they recount the pain of those you have wounded.
- [27] Add to them punishment upon punishment; may they have no acquittal from you.
- [28] Let them be blotted out of the book of the living; let them not be enrolled among the righteous.
- [29] But I am afflicted and in pain; let your salvation, O God, set me on high!
- [30] I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.
- [31] This will please the LORD more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs.
- [32] When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive.
- [33] For the LORD hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners.
- [34] Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.
- [35] For God will save Zion and build up the cities of Judah, and people shall dwell there and possess it;
- [36] the offspring of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall dwell in it.



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