

SUNDAY MAY 17TH, 2020 LITURGY

Call to Worship

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

33 Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.

- ² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- ³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- ⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

☩ VERSICLE ☩ Lord, open our lips.
☩ RESPONSE ☩ **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
☩ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit.
☩ **Come let us adore Him. Alleluia!**

Salutation

PHILIPPIANS 1

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise

#8B LORD, OUR LORD, IN ALL THE EARTH

1. ¹LORD, our Lord, in all the earth how ex - cel - lent your name!
2. ³When I view the skies a - bove, the works your fin - gers made,
3. ⁵You have made him next to God, with hon - or, glo - ry crowned.

You a - bove the heav'ns have set the glo - ry of your fame.
when I see the moon and stars, which you in or - der laid,
⁶Him you placed a - bove your works; be - neath him all is found:

²From the mouths of in - fants young you the power of praise com - pose
⁴what is man, so frail and weak, that you should re - mem - ber him?
⁷ox - en, sheep, and beasts that graze, ⁸birds, and fish the o - ceans claim.

in the face of en - e - mies to stop a - veng - ing foes.
What can be the son of man that you should care for him?
⁹LORD, our Lord, in all the earth how ex - cel - lent your name!

Book of Psalms for Worship, 2009; alt.

AMSTERDAM 7.6.7.6.7.7.6.
James Nares, *Foundery Collection*, 1742

GOD CLEANSSES US

Reading of God's Law

☩ VERSICLE
☩ RESPONSE

☩ Hear now the covenant of your God, which He has commanded you to keep saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." You shall have no other gods before Me.

☩ **You shall not make for yourself an idol.**

Ⲱ VERSICLE Ⲱ You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Ⲡ RESPONSE Ⲡ **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

Ⲱ Honor your father and your mother.

Ⲡ **You shall not murder.**

Ⲱ You shall not commit adultery.

Ⲡ **You shall not steal**

Ⲱ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Ⲡ **You shall not covet.**

Ⲱ Have you fully obeyed the LORD in all that He has commanded? Have you loved the LORD with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself?

Ⲡ **No, but we have sinned in thought, in word, and in deed.**

Ⲱ Then confess your sins to the LORD, for with Him there is mercy and abundant redemption.

Confession of Sin

IN UNISON **Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against Your holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done,
and there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare those, O God, who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent,
according to Your promises declared unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O merciful Father, for His sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Words of Comfort

PSALM 130

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,

that you may be feared.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning,

more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

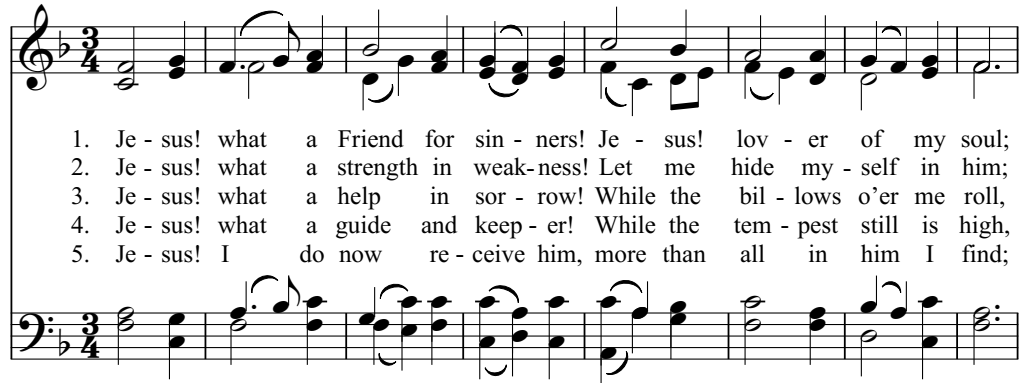
and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸ And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

Hymn of Assurance

#456 JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!

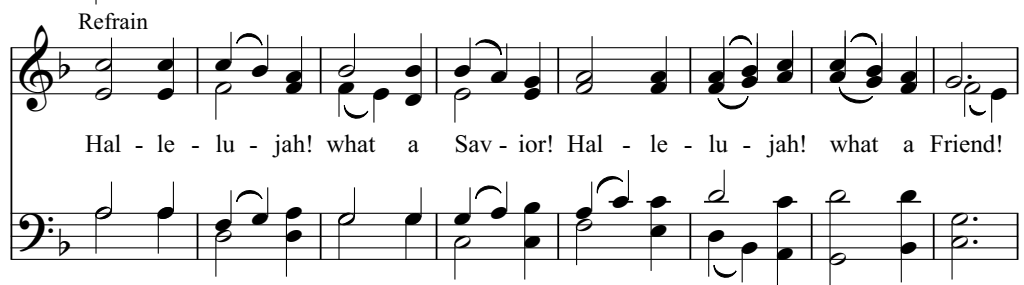


1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak-ness! Let me hide my - self in him;
3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;



friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
• e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

Refrain



Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!



Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910

HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.
Rowland H. Pritchard, 1830

GOD CONSECRATES US

Old Testament Reading

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

40 TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- ¹ I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- ² He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
- ³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.
- ⁴ Blessed is the man who makes
the LORD his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!
- ⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.
- ⁶ In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.
- ⁷ Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- ⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."
- ⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O LORD.
- ¹⁰ I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.

- ¹¹ As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain
your mercy from me;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will
ever preserve me!
- ¹² For evils have encompassed me
beyond number;
my iniquities have overtaken me,
and I cannot see;
they are more than the hairs of my head;
my heart fails me.
- ¹³ Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me!
O LORD, make haste to help me!
- ¹⁴ Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether
who seek to snatch away my life;
let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who delight in my hurt!
- ¹⁵ Let those be appalled because of their shame
who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"
- ¹⁶ But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation
say continually, "Great is the LORD!"

⚔ VERSICLE ⚔ The Word of the Lord!
⚔ RESPONSE ⚔ **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm of Preparation

#51C (VERSES 1-4)

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my soul op - press;
3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust, by thy wrath and judg - ment just,

plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
I have sinned a - gainst thy grace and pro - voked thee to thy face;
Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;
let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear thy voice;

wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
I con - fess thy judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
make me pure, thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
make my spirit right and true;
cast me not away from thee,
let thy Spirit dwell in me;
thy salvation's joy impart,
steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me
and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove,
and my tongue shall sing thy love;
touch my silent lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall praise accord.

7. Not the formal sacrifice
has acceptance in thine eyes;
broken hearts are in thy sight
more than sacrificial rite;
contrite spirit, pleading cries,
thou, O God, wilt not despise.

8. Prosper Zion in thy grace
and her broken walls replace;
then our righteous sacrifice
shall delight thy holy eyes;
free-will off'rings, gladly made,
on thine altar shall be laid.

Paraphrase
The Psalter, 1912; alt.

REDHEAD/AJALON 7.7.7.7.7.
Richard Redhead, 1853

New Testament Reading

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

10 For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’ ”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”

¹⁷ then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

☩ VERSICLE

☩ The Word of the Lord!

☩ RESPONSE

☩ **Thanks be to God!**

Homily

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Hymn of Assurance

[#277 BEFORE THE THRONE](#)

THIS WEEK'S
HOMILY IS
AVAILABLE ON OUR
WEBSITE, YOUTUBE,
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SERMONAUDIO
(AUDIO ONLY).

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
 3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,
 spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can
 free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
 the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Charitie Bancroft, 1863; alt.

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Confession of Faith

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IN UNISON **I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come 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.**

THE TERM
"CATHOLIC" IN ITS
HISTORICAL USE
MEANS "UNIVERSAL"

Closing Prayers

- ☩ **VERSICLE** ☩ For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls,
☩ **RESPONSE** let us pray to the Lord.
 ☩ **Lord, have mercy.**
- ☩ For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of
all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
 ☩ **Lord, have mercy.**
- ☩ For all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
 ☩ **Lord, have mercy.**
- ☩ For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the
Lord.
 ☩ **Lord, have mercy.**
- ☩ For the Temecula Valley, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let
us pray to the Lord.
 ☩ **Lord, have mercy.**
- ☩ For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the
Lord.
 ☩ **Lord, have mercy.**
- ☩ For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.
 ☩ **Lord, have mercy.**

☩ **VERSICLE** ☩ For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering,
 ☩ **RESPONSE** let us pray to the Lord.
 ☩ **Lord, have mercy.**
 ☩ For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and
 captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
 ☩ **Lord, have mercy.**
 ☩ For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the
 Lord.
 ☩ **Lord, have mercy.**
 ☩ For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.
 ☩ **Lord, have mercy.**
 ☩ That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let
 us pray to the Lord.
 ☩ **Lord, have mercy.**
 ☩ Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
 ☩ **Lord, have mercy.**
 ☩ In the communion of Providence Church and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves,
 and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
 ☩ **To thee, O Lord our God**

IN UNISON **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
 and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GOD COMMISSIONS US

Departing Words of Comfort

HEBREWS 13

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great
 shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything
 good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus
 Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Amen.*



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