

A SERVICE OF THE WORD & SACRAMENT

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The Welcome & Announcements

The Prelude & Silent Preparation

-THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP-

The Call to Worship

(Psalm 105:1-2)

¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

The Salutation

(Colossians 1:2b)

^{2b} Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

The Invocation & Prayer of Praise

-THE LORD ASSURES US OF HIS FORGIVENESS-

The Call to Confession

(Isaiah 1:18)

¹⁸ “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

The Confession of Sin

Silent Prayers of Confession

General Prayer of Confession

Minister:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Amen. (Psalm 51:1-5, 7, 9-12,17 ESV)

The Assurance of Pardon

(1 John 1:8-9)

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm #103A

Bless the Lord, My Soul

1. Bless the LORD, my soul,
and all within me bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, my soul.
Forget not all his blessings to proclaim.
He forgives your great transgressions,
heals your sicknesses and pains.
He redeems you from destruction,
crowns you with his tender grace.
2. He with boundless good supplies you;
he your longing satisfies,
then, like eagle's strength renewing,
God with good your youth revives.
For the LORD will act with justice,
righteousness for those bowed down.
He made known his ways to Moses,
his great deeds to Israel's sons.
3. God the LORD is full of mercy,
slow to anger, full of grace.
He will not be always chiding,
nor in anger hide his face.
He deals not by our demerits,
nor repays what sins deserve.
Great his love to those who fear him,
high as heav'n above the earth.
6. God has set his throne in heaven;
his great kingdom rules o'er all.
Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
mighty ones who do his will!
Bless the LORD, you hosts of heaven,
servants who perform his word!
Bless the LORD, his whole dominion.
Come, my soul, and bless the LORD!

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The Prayer of the Church

(Psalm 121:1-2)

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

-THE LORD INSTRUCTS US FROM HIS WORD-

The Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 8:1-22 (ESV)

¹ When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. ² The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. ³ Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.

⁴ Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah ⁵ and said to him, “Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations.” ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the LORD. ⁷ And the LORD said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸ According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. ⁹ Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

¹⁰ So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking for a king from him. ¹¹ He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. ¹² And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. ¹⁵ He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. ¹⁶ He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men¹ and your donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷ He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

¹⁹ But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But there shall be a king over us, ²⁰ that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.” ²¹ And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. ²² And the LORD said to Samuel, “Obey their voice and make them a king.” Samuel then said to the men of Israel, “Go every man to his city.”

The New Testament Reading

Matthew 6:19-34 (ESV)

¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look

at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

The Sermon

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Not That but This: A Plan for All of Life

Matthew 6:24.33

Hymn #281

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King:
your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.

Refrain:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

2. Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above. *[Refrain]*

3. His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n. *[Refrain]*

4. He sits at God's right hand
'til all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet. *[Refrain]*

5. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home. *[Refrain]*

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-THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS TABLE-

The Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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 Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

The Breaking of the Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

-THE LORD DISMISSES US TO HIS SERVICE-

The Benediction

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Doxology #569

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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