

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

2 Corinthians 1:2

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

The Invocation & Prayer of Praise

-THE LORD ASSURES US OF HIS FORGIVENESS-

The Call to Confession

Hebrews 4:15-16

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Confession of Sin

Silent Prayers of Confession

The General Prayer of Confession

Minister:

O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before Your great Majesty against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We acknowledge that we deserve nothing less than eternal death. We continually transgress Your commandments, failing to do what You have commanded us and doing that which You have expressly forbidden. We all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way. We acknowledge our waywardness, and are deeply sorry for all our sins. In ourselves, we are not worthy to be called Your children, nor to lift up our eyes heavenward to You in prayer.

Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that you do not desire the death of the sinner but rather that he should turn to You and live; we know that Your mercy toward those who turn to You is infinite; and so we take courage to call upon You from the depths of our hearts, trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world. Forgive all our sins for Christ's sake. Have compassion upon us in our infirmities. Wash us in the pure fountain of Christ's blood so that we may be clean and white as snow. Cover us with His innocence and righteousness for the glory of Your Name. Deliver our understanding from all blindness and our hearts from all willfulness and rebellion. We praise you, O God, for your mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:11-12

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Psalm #253

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

1. God, all nature sings thy glory,
and thy works proclaim thy might:
ordered vastness in the heavens,
ordered course of day and night,
beauty in the changing seasons,
beauty in the storming sea;
all the changing moods of nature
praise the changeless Trinity.
2. Clearer still we see thy hand in man
whom thou has made for thee:
ruler of creation's glory,
image of thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden,
all the labor of his days.
are the calling of his Maker
to the harvest feast of praise.
3. But our sins have spoiled thine image;
nature, conscience only serve
as unceasing, grim reminders
of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet thy grace and saving mercy,
in thy Word of truth revealed,
claim the praise of all who know thee,
in the blood of Jesus sealed.
4. God of glory, power, mercy,
all creation praises thee;
we, thy creatures, would adore thee
now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify the goodness,
grant us strength to do thy will,
with our acts as with our voices
thy commandments to fulfill.

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The Prayer of the Church

James 5: 13-15

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

-THE LORD INSTRUCTS US FROM HIS WORD-

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-13

- ¹ Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
- ³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
- ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- ⁶ “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- ⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.
- ⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”
- ¹⁰ Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise from the end of the earth,
you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it,
the coastlands and their inhabitants.
- ¹¹ Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice,
the villages that Kedar inhabits;
let the habitants of Sela sing for joy,
let them shout from the top of the mountains.
- ¹² Let them give glory to the LORD,
and declare his praise in the coastlands.
- ¹³ The LORD goes out like a mighty man,
like a man of war he stirs up his zeal;
he cries out, he shouts aloud,
he shows himself mighty against his foes.

The New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4:1-8

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”

The Sermon

Rev. Dr. Michael J. Matossian

The Trinity

Deuteronomy 6:4; Ephesians 4:4-6

Hymn #208

All Glory Be to Thee, Most High

1. All glory be to thee, Most High,
to thee all adoration;
in grace and truth thou drawest nigh
to offer us salvation;
thou showest thy goodwill to men,
and peace shall reign on earth again;
we praise thy name forever.
2. We praise, we worship thee, we trust,
and give thee thanks forever,
O Father, for thy rule is just
and wise, and changes never;
thy hand almighty o'er us reigns,
thou doest what thy will ordains;
'tis well for us thou rulest.
3. O Jesus Christ, our God and Lord,
Son of the heav'nly Father,
O thou who hast our peace restored,
the straying sheep dost gather;
thou Lamb of God, to thee on high
out of the depths we sinners cry:
have mercy on us, Jesus!
4. O Holy Spirit, precious gift,
thou Comforter unfailing,
from Satan's snares our souls uplift,
and let thy pow'r, availing,
avert our woes and calm our dread.
For us the Savior's blood was shed;
we trust in thee to save us.

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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

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

The Doxology #564

Now Blessed Be Jehova God

1. Now blessed be Jehovah God,
the God of Israel,
who only doeth wondrous works,
his glory that excel;
who only doeth wondrous works,
in glory that excel.
2. And blessed be his glorious name
to all eternity;
the whole earth let his glory fill;
amen: so let it be;
the whole earth let his glory fill;
amen: so let it be.

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