

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

Revelation 4: 9-11

⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹ “Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”

The Salutation

Galatians 1:3

³ 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

John 1:16-17

¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

The Confession of Sin

Silent Prayers of Confession

The General Prayer of Confession

Minister:

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 mankind 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.

The Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2:1-2

¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Psalm #48B

The LORD is Great and Greatly Praised

1. The LORD is great and greatly praised;
let all his praises tell
within the city of our God,
upon his holy hill.
Mount Zion, in its height so lovely,
joy of all the earth;
the great King's city far excels
the mountains of the north.

4. We contemplate your steadfast love
within your house, O God;
for, like your name, O God, your praise
extends through earth abroad.
With justice is your right hand filled;
Mount Zion's joy is great.
Let Juda's daughters now rejoice,
your judgements celebrate.

5. Round Zion walk and count her tow'rs;
view ev'ry citadel,
so children yet unborn may hear
her story that you tell:
that this, our God and LORD, is God,
forever he abides;
forever he will be our God
and our eternal guide.

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The Prayer of the Church

Psalm 34:17

¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

-THE LORD INSTRUCTS US FROM HIS WORD-

The Old Testament Reading

Psalm 127

- ¹ Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.
- ² It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

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³ Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.

⁵ Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

The New Testament Reading

Philippians 4:2-9

² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³ Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Sermon

Rev. Dr. Michael J. Matossian

The Lord's Gift of Sleep
Psalm 127

Hymn #485

Like a River Glorious

1. Like a river glorious
is God's perfect peace,
over all victorious
in its bright increase;
perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,
perfect, yet it groweth
deeper all the way.

Refrain:

Stayed upon Jehovah,
hearts are fully blest,
finding, as he promised,
perfect peace and rest.

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2. Hidden in the hollow
of his blessed hand,
never foe can follow,
never traitor stand;
not a surge of worry,
not a shade of care,
not a blast of hurry,
touch the spirit there. *[Refrain]*

3. Ev'ry joy or trial
falleth from above,
traced upon our dial
by the Sun of Love.
We may trust him fully
all for us to do;
they who trust him wholly
find him wholly true. *[Refrain]*

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-THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS TABLE-

The Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Unison:

That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserved me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.

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

Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰Now 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, ²¹equip 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.

The Doxology #570 (*Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)

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

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