

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, April 5, 2020

Welcome

Call to Worship

Habakkuk 3:17-19 – [17] *Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,
[18] yet I will rejoice in the LORD;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
[19] GOD, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Songs

1) "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before Thee
Who was and is and evermore shall be



Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hides Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy, there is none besides Thee
Perfect in power love and purity

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

2) "How Firm a Foundation"

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can He say than to you He has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with you oh be not dismayed
For I am your God and will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you help you and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie
My grace all sufficient shall be your supply
The flame shall not hurt you, I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

Public Reading of Scripture

Psalm 23 – [1] *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

[2] *He makes me lie down in green pastures.*

He leads me beside still waters.

[3] *He restores my soul.*

*He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.*



[4] Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

[5] You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

[6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 56:3 – [3] When I am afraid,
I put my trust in you.

Psalm 56:8-13 – [8] You have kept count of my tossings;
put my tears in your bottle.

Are they not in your book?

[9] Then my enemies will turn back
in the day when I call.

This I know, that God is for me.

[10] In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise,

[11] in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

[12] I must perform my vows to you, O God;
I will render thank offerings to you.

[13] For you have delivered my soul from death,
yes, my feet from falling,

that I may walk before God
in the light of life.

Songs

3) "Jerusalem"



See Him in Jerusalem
Walking where the crowds are
Once these streets had sung to Him
Now they cry for murder
Such a frail and lonely Man
Holding up the heavy cross
See Him walking in Jerusalem
On the road to save us

See Him there upon the hill
Hear the scorn and laughter
Silent as a lamb He waits
Praying to the Father
See the King who made the sun
And the moon and shining stars
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down
So that He could save them

See Him there upon the cross
Now no longer breathing
Dust that formed the watching crowds
Takes the blood of Jesus
Feel the earth is shaking now
See the veil is split in two
And He stood before the wrath of God
Shielding sinners with His blood

See the empty tomb today
Death could not contain Him
Once the Servant of the world
Now in vict'ry reigning
Lift your voices to the One
Who is seated on the throne
See Him in the New Jerusalem
Praise the One who saved us
Praise the One who saved us!

4) "Take My Life"

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord for Thee
Take my moments and my days



Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee

*Here am I
All of me
Take my life
It's all for Thee*

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Every power as You choose

*Here am I
All of me
Take my life
It's all for Thee*

Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart, it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne

Take my love, my Lord I pour
At Your feet its treasure stored
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only all for Thee

*Here am I
All of me
Take my life
It's all for Thee*

Prayer of Illumination



Shared Trouble and Multiplied Joy Philippians 4:14-23

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:5-8)

The Shared Trouble that the Gospel Invites

- The Philippian church was deeply invested in the life and ministry of Paul.
 - They were financially invested.
 - They were personally interested.
 - They were continually involved.
- We can learn from the example we see here:
 - That the Holy Spirit creates a culture of love and a lasting bond around Jesus.

A Christian comes to others only through Jesus Christ. Among men there is strife. "He is our peace," says Paul of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:14). Without Christ there is discord between God and man and between man and man. Christ became the Mediator and made peace with God and among men. Without Christ we should not know God, we could not call upon Him, nor come to Him. But without Christ we also would not know our brother, nor could we come to him. The way is blocked by our own ego. Christ opened up the way to God and to our brother. Now Christians can live with one another in peace; they can love and serve one another; they can become one. But they can continue to do so only by way of Jesus Christ. Only in Jesus Christ are we one, only through him are we bound together. To eternity he remains the one Mediator. (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

Together, we will spur one another on to love and good deeds. We will meet with one another consistently pray for one another regularly, and serve one another selflessly. We will share each other's joys and bear each other's burdens. We will edify one another with our speech and encourage one another with our example. (CFC Church Covenant)

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6:10)

- That we are called to share trouble, not run from it.



Let brotherly love continue...³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. (Hebrews 13:1-3)

We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God. God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions. (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

- That God can use us, too.

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. (Romans 12:13)

The Multiplied Joy that the Gospel Promotes

- We can have eternal joy as God rewards our gifts down through the ages.

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. (Matthew 6:19-20)

And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,³⁰ who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.” (Luke 18:29-30)

- We can have present joy as God lifts up our spirits day by day.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. (1 John 4:7)

Paul may be in prison at Caesar’s pleasure, but the gospel has penetrated Caesar’s household. It is important to remember who is finally in charge and how he works. (D.A. Carson)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

Song

5) "All I Have Is Christ"

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*



Offering

2 Corinthians 8:9 – [9] *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 – [7] *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. [8] And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*

Prayer of Intercession

For Our Church – That God would grant us comfort as we are scattered and unable to meet together, that God would be especially near to those who live alone or who are experiencing loneliness, that we would faithfully reach out to one another as we are able, and that God would graciously allow us to connect with one another in meaningful ways through phone calls or digital meetings, and that God would hasten the day when we are reunited in corporate worship and in one another’s homes.

For Our City – For The Church at Brook Hills, pastor Matt Mason, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation – That God would bring relief in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic: relief for the sick, relief for medical workers, relief for businesses owners, relief for those who are recently unemployed, relief for the depressed, relief for the stressed, relief for the tired, relief for the poor, relief for the lonely.

For Our World – That the whole earth would be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea (Hab. 3:14), that the gospel would spread to the nations faster than the coronavirus does, and that God would humble the hearts of the rulers of nations so that they might seek God during this time.

“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 debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And 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.”

Benediction

Philippians 4:19-20 – [19] *And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. [20] To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

