

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, May 17, 2020

Welcome (Bart Box)

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:2-6 – [2] *“Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”*

[3] *With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. [4] And you will say in that day:
“Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.*

[5] *“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.*

[6] *Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Songs

1) “Nothing but the Blood”

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*



For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

2) "By Faith"

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward
'Til the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*



By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains
Of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward
'Til the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward
'Til the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Nick Murray)

Matthew 8:26 – [26] *And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.*

2 Timothy 2:13 – [13] *if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.*

Songs

3) "O Praise the Name"

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.



My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the name of the Lord our God
O praise His name forever more
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

And then on the third at break of dawn,
The Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King

*O praise the name of the Lord our God
O praise His name forever more
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

He shall return in robes of white,
The blazing Son shall pierce the night.
And we will rise among the saints,
Our gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

*O praise the name of the Lord our God
O praise His name forever more
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

4) "Speak, O Lord"

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith



Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Prayer of Illumination



Acts of the Risen Lord: Gospel Work Acts 13:4–52

The Work of the Gospel (vv. 4-12)

- Acts 13 is the first leg of Paul's first missionary journey.
- Paul and Barnabas were engaged immediately in a power struggle.
 - Elymas was blinded, a picture of his dark message and his dark future apart from Christ.
 - Sergius Paulus saw the light.
- Application:
 - We should expect opposition in the work of the gospel.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. (Philippians 1:27–30)

- We should know the opposition in the work of the gospel.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12)

How the Gospel Works (vv. 13-52)

- The gospel begins with God. (vv. 13-37)

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God. (Romans 1:1)

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)

- The gospel offers us freedom. (vv. 38-39)

The new world which God is creating through the death and resurrection of Jesus is all about 'forgiveness of sins'. At every level. Your sins and mine. The wickedness, the folly, the failing, the rebellion; the shameful, dirty, lying, cheating, glittering, sophisticated, flashy, corporate, international,



global, local, personal, individual sins—the whole lot.... Nothing need stand in God's record against you anymore. You can be 'justified', declared to be in the right, forgiven, a full and free member of God's people. That is the immediate effect of the good news that Jesus is risen as the Messiah, God's Son. (N.T. Wright)

- The gospel must be received. (vv. 40-48)

And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." (Luke 15:2)

- The gospel leads to joy and praise. (vv. 48-51)

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! (Matthew 23:37)

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. (John 6:44)

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.* (John Newton)

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:8–9)



Song

5) "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As will we be when He comes



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 (Billy Shepard)

For Our Church – For the class of 2020, whether high school, college, or graduate-level students: that God would equip them with everything they need to enter into a world that looks different than they expected at the beginning of this semester, that He would fill them with trust in His good providence, and that the Spirit would lead them in obedience to all that God commands.

For Our City – For Christ the King Anglican Church, pastor Michael Novotney, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation – For God to intervene in an undeniable way regarding the spread of the coronavirus, that He would heal the sick, comfort the hurting, restore what's been decimated, and that we would turn to Him instead of to our resourcefulness or our strategies to battle the coronavirus.

For Our World – For missionaries around the world whose work has been drastically affected during these times: for those that have had to leave their posts earlier in the pandemic, that God would preserve the fruit that they have long labored over from the counter-work of the enemy; for those who wonder if or when they'll be able to return to their work, that God would help them to trust His sovereign strategy over all things; and for those whose financial support seems uncertain, that God would make all grace abound to them so that they may abound in every good work.

**"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

Numbers 6:24-26 – [24] *The LORD bless you and keep you;*
[25] *the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*
[26] *the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

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

