

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord’s Day
August 9, 2020

Prelude

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. - Psalm 93:1

Welcome

God Calls Us to Worship Him

† Call to Worship Psalm 98:1-3

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

People: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Pastor: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

† Hymn of Adoration

16 Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord

1 Come, let us sing unto the Lord new songs of praise with sweet accord; for wonders great by him are done, his hand and arm have vict'ry won.

2 The great salvation of our God is seen through all the earth abroad; before the heathen’s wond’ring sight he has revealed his truth and right.

3 He called to mind his truth and grace in promise made to Israel’s race; and unto earth’s remotest bound glad tidings of salvation sound.

4 All lands, to God lift up your voice; sing praise to him, with shouts rejoice; with voice of joy and loud acclaim let all unite and praise his name.

5 Praise God with harp, with harp sing praise, with voice of psalms his glory raise; with trumpets, cornets, gladly sing and shout before the Lord, the King.

6 Let earth be glad, let billows roar and all that dwell from shore to shore; let floods clap hands with one accord, let hills rejoice before the Lord.

7 For lo, he comes; at his command all nations shall in judgment stand; in justice robed and throned in light, the Lord shall judge, dispensing right.

† Salutation and Responsive Scriptures

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

People: Who made heaven and earth!

Pastor: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

† The Lord’s Prayer Together as God’s People

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† Affirmation of Faith Mr. Billy Hastings

Psalm 8 (responsively as God’s people)

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

From the lips of children and infants ordained praise

because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:

all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

† Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

We Confess Our Sin

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 acknowledge our waywardness, and are heartily sorry for all our sins. We confess to our humiliation and to the praise of Your mercy that our sins are innumerable, and that our debt is so great that we cannot even begin to repay. Nevertheless, O Gracious Father, 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. Amen.

Individual Silent Confession of Sin

God Forgives Us in Christ Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

642 Be Thou My Vision

1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Morning Prayer Elder Jim Slocomb

We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

† Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

God Instructs Us With His Word

Scripture Reading Mr. Billy Hastings

Habakkuk 1:12-2:5

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

“How Long Must I Wait on God?”

† Hymn of Response

469 How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place (1-3)

1 How sweet and awesome is the place
with Christ within the doors,
while everlasting love displays
the choicest of her stores.

2 While all our hearts and all our songs
join to admire the feast,
each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
"Lord, why was I a guest?

3 "Why was I made to hear your voice,
and enter while there's room,
when thousands make a wretched choice,
and rather starve than come?"

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of Institution

The Rev. Jeremy Swygard

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements The Elders
(Partake of the Bread individually by lifting the clear wrapper and the Cup together
by lifting the foil wrapper. Please note the bread is not gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† Hymn of Dedication

469 How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place (4-5)

4 'Twas the same love that spread the feast
that sweetly drew us in;
else we had still refused to taste,
and perished in our sin.

5 Pity the nations, O our God,
constrain the earth to come;
send your victorious Word abroad,
and bring the strangers home.

† Benediction Rev. Swygard

† Hymn of Dismissal

2 O Worship the King (5)

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer,
and Friend!*

Postlude

† Indicates the congregation standing

"How Long Must I Wait on God?"

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Habakkuk 1:12-2:5

Mr. Billy Hastings

Habakkuk 1:12 Are you not from everlasting,
O Lord my God, my Holy One?
We shall not die.
O Lord, you have ordained them as a judgment,
and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.
13 You who are of purer eyes than to see evil
and cannot look at wrong,
why do you idly look at traitors
and remain silent when the wicked swallows up
the man more righteous than he?
14 You make mankind like the fish of the sea,
like crawling things that have no ruler.
15 He brings all of them up with a hook;
he drags them out with his net;
he gathers them in his dragnet;
so he rejoices and is glad.
16 Therefore he sacrifices to his net
and makes offerings to his dragnet;
for by them he lives in luxury,
and his food is rich.
17 Is he then to keep on emptying his net
and mercilessly killing nations forever?
2:1 I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.
2 And the Lord answered me:
“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.
3 For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.
4 “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.
5 “Moreover, wine is a traitor,
an arrogant man who is never at rest.
His greed is as wide as Sheol;
like death he has never enough.
He gathers for himself all nations
and collects as his own all peoples.”

• We will see injustice, but can trust the character of God. (1:12-17)

• We must wait on the Lord, no matter how long it feels it takes. (2:1)

• The Lord always gives direction. (2:2-5)