

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day

May 17, 2020

Prelude

But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.
Habakkuk 2:20

Welcome

God Calls Us to Worship Him

† Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Pastor: who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

People: who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Δ† Hymn of Adoration

53 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief
hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

† 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

Elder Bob Reymond

The Apostle's Creed (together as God's people)

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 life everlasting. Amen.

Δ† 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

We, poor sinners, acknowledge before you, our God and Creator, that we have terribly and in many ways sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as you, our Lord and God, know well, and we cannot deeply enough deplore. But we repent of these things, and are sorry for them, and heartily ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

§ Individual Silent Confession of Sin

§ God Forgives Us in Christ

Romans 8:31-34

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

116 For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light,

Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,

Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

5 For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely giv'n,
graces human and divine,
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

§ Morning Prayer

Elder Bob Reymond

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

The Rev. Aaron J. Suber

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Living in Light of Jesus' Return

“Working Hands Reveal Brotherly Love”

† Hymn of Response

274 *Thine be the Glory* (1-2)

1 Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of Institution

Rev. Suber

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

274 *Thine be the Glory* (3)

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love;
bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

† Benediction

Rev. Suber

† Hymn of Dismissal

353 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* (5)

Jesus, thou Friend divine, our Savior and our King, thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe shall great deliv'rance bring.

Postlude

“Working Hands Reveal Brotherly Love” 1 Thessalonians 4: 9-12

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1 Thessalonians 4:9 Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, 10 for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, 11 and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, 12 so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

· **Christians ought to grow in love for one another (9-10)**

· **Good work is a mark of godly living (11-12)**

† Indicates the congregation standing