
preparing our hearts

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

– 1 Peter 2:9_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

All: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness!

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

All: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty!

– Psalm 29:2-4_{ESV}

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, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in 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!

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: Father in heaven, awaken us this hour to the glory of your presence in our midst. Shine among us in such a way that the darkness without and within may be pushed back, and that we might see you as eternal King. In the knowledge of your Son, let us see you as you truly are and see ourselves in light of you. By the power of your Spirit, move us from a wandering people to a holy nation. May your light within us shine through into worship this day, as all days. This we pray in the name of the great high priest: Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader: How are you right with God?

All: **Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift of God with a believing heart.**

– *Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 60*

I WILL GLORY IN MY REDEEMER

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death;
My only Savior before the Holy Judge:
The Lamb who is my righteousness; the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer; my life he bought, my love he owns.
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer; his faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
My feet are firm, held by his grace; my feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with lovingkindness; his triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold;
And when he calls me, it will be paradise –
His face forever to behold; his face forever to behold.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, and the iniquity of our fathers, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us.

– Jeremiah 14:20-21 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Father in Heaven, have mercy on us.

**We have broken our covenant with you and have turned our hearts
From true worship and loving obedience.**

We live as if we belonged to this world rather than to your kingdom.

Forgive us the sins that issue from our wayward hearts –

Sins of impure minds, of idle hands, of unwise lips, of unkind hearts.

**But you, O Lord, keep your covenant and have mercy upon the penitent
And grant grace to those who repent.**

Grant that we would live in service and peace of our True King,

As citizens of heaven from now until our feet are set there forevermore.

For Christ's sake we pray, Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: “For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

– Isaiah 54:10 ESV

All: Thanks be to God.

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands; my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heaven he stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart; no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me; to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God; with Christ my Savior and my God.

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scripture reading

Leader: Matthew 5:1-12
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,

All: **Our Father who is 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,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

passing the peace

Leader: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

An elder will lead the passing of the peace.

If you are joining us from your home, unmute yourself so that you can greet one another.

If you are gathered here with us today, greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ while being careful to practice safe social distancing.

Series | “Exodus: From Captivity to Liberty”

Sermon | “How a Mountain Makes Us God’s”

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Exodus 19:2-6, 9-13, 16-20, 20:18-21 ^{ESV} | 2 They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, 3 while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 4 ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

9 And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.”

When Moses told the words of the people to the LORD, 10 the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments 11 and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. 12 And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, ‘Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death. 13 No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; whether beast or man, he shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain.”

16 On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. 17 Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. 18 Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. 19 And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. 20 The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

20:18 Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off 19 and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” 20 Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.” 21 The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

sermon notes

1. How deliverance produces obedience
2. How limits produce life
3. How advocacy produces freedom

** gospel charge

Leader: In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

All: Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

– Colossians 2:6-8_{ESV}

WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, please wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. There are two tabs on the communion sets. The clear tab on top opens the bread. The tab underneath opens the grape juice.

Please hold on to your materials to dispose of on your way out of the sanctuary. If you have a gluten allergy, please indicate this when prompted and to your server, to receive a gluten-free wafer.

NOTE TO PARENTS: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

– Matthew 26:26-29 ESV

Minister: Let us lift up our hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Hear us then, as we pray.

All: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and the cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. And as this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in this world, bringing all glory and honor to your great Name.

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

As the elements are distributed and as the music team offers this hymn, examine your heart and reflect on the meaning of this supper, that you may take it in a worthy manner.

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield.
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fear –
Land me safe of Canaan's side.
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye.

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Note: [Other ways to give](#), including mailing a check to the office, are available.

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,
He who washed us with his blood, soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice, join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou hast washed us with thy blood
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou art worthy Lamb of God

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**** benediction**

****doxology**

**All: 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.**