
preparing our hearts

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

– Jeremiah 31:33_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,

All: **Nor are there any works like yours.**

Leader: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord,

All: **And shall glorify your name.**

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things;

All: **You alone are God!**

– Psalm 86:8-10_{ESV}

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish – but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: O Lord, God of Israel, there is no god like you, in heaven or on earth. For not only did you create us in your likeness, but you rescued us from the clutches of sin; and in your goodness, you kept your covenant love for your people, even to the point of death on the cross. Father and King, be with us as you have been with our ancestors. In your Spirit never leave us or abandon us, but instead incline our hearts to you, to keep all your commandments, statutes, and ordinances that you command your people. This we pray in the name of the One True God. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

* Here, "catholic" means "universal," and refers to the Christian church in all places

FAIREST LORD JESUS

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be thine.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

– Adapted from Ephesians 4:22,24^{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Holy Father, you are King of kings and Lord of lords.
There is no other god besides you.
Yet, we confess that we do not live as if that were true.
Forgive us for forgetting your rule, thinking small thoughts of you,
And ignoring your greatness.
Holy Spirit, we minimize your power and squander your gifts.
Our blindness to your glory has resulted in
Shallow confession and mild repentance.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and in your loving kindness,
Grant that we would live as covenant children of the One True God,
Maker of heaven and earth, now and always. Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

– Joel 2:13b^{ESV}

All: **Thanks be to God.**

COME YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED

Come ye souls by sin afflicted, bowed with fruitless sorrow down;
By the broken law convicted, through the cross behold the crown;
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus; mercy flows through him alone.

Take his easy yoke and wear it; love will make your obedience sweet;
Christ will give you strength to bear it, while his grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory, where his ransomed captives meet.

Blessèd are the eyes that see him. Blest the ears that hear his voice.
Blessèd are the souls that trust him, and in him alone rejoice.
His commandments, his commandments, his commandments
Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary, light to newly opened eyes,
Like full springs in deserts dreary, is the rest the cross supplies.
All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus; mercy flows through him alone.

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Leader: Matthew 22:37-39
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

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 | “The Ten Commandments – Living in Freedom”

Sermon | “The First Commandment: No Other Gods”

July 5, 2020

Exodus 20:1-17 ESV | 1 And God spoke all these words, saying,

2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

3 “You shall have no other gods before me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

1. Ten words from God
2. Why the first word is foundational
3. How the first word leads to the final word

**** gospel charge**

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

All: Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.

– Joshua 1:7_{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. During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymn.

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: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But it is your right, O God, to give mercy to whom you please. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink of him, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood; that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.

UPON A LIFE I HAVE NOT LIVED

Upon a life I have not lived,
Upon a death I did not die,
Another's life; Another's death,
I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed,
Not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears; Another's griefs,
On these I rest, on these alone. *

** Chorus:*

O Jesus, Son of God, I build on what thy cross has done for me;
There both my life and death I read, my guilt, and pardon there I see.
There I see.

Lord, I believe; O deal with me,
As one who has thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me,
As one who has thy gift received. *

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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 we will be when he comes.

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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.**