

Lord's Day Worship

September 6, 2020

The Liturgy of the Word

Call to Worship

from Psalm 111

Praise the LORD!

I will thank the Lord with all my heart as I meet in the assembly of His godly people.

How amazing are the deeds of the LORD! All who delight in Him should ponder them.

Everything He does reveals his glory and majesty. His righteousness never fails. He causes us to remember His wonderful works. How gracious and merciful is our LORD!

He gives food to those who fear Him; He always remembers His covenant.

Praise Him forever!

Hymn of Adoration

Come, Christians, Join to Sing 302

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Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King;

Alleluia! Amen!

let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,

Alleluia! Amen!

let praises fill the sky;

Alleluia! Amen!

he is our Guide and Friend;

to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end.

Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,

Alleluia! Amen!

life shall not end the strain;

Alleluia! Amen!

on heaven's blissful shore,

his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore,

"Alleluia! Amen!"

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession

Isaiah 6.1-5

I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

“Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, full of mercy and grace, abounding in lovingkindness and mercy, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have preferred the ways of the world to Your ways, we have rebelled against Your wisdom, we have taken Your many blessings for granted, and we have not been channels of Your blessings to a perishing world as is our calling and privilege as we ought. Heavenly Father, through our spotless Lamb who takes away our sins and grants us his righteousness, renew us with your word and sacrament, that we may more faithfully exercise the mind of Christ in cherishing You above all else, and counting others as more important than ourselves, as we pour out our lives in service to You and our neighbors as conduits of Your beneficence. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 9.24-26 & Isaiah 6.6-7

Christ has entered...into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Not to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest entered the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world....he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Song of Praise

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood 253

There is a fountain filled with blood,
drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains,
lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away,

washed all my sins away;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die,
and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing your pow'r to save,
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
lies silent in the grave:
lies silent in the grave,
lies silent in the grave;
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood
shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more,
be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved to sin no more.

Sermon

“Signs of Sensible Good and Grace”

1 Peter 2.11-12, 15-21

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation....For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

Prayer of Application & Intercession

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

*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 the life everlasting. Amen.*

Hymn of Approach

Arise, My Soul, Arise 305

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears:
the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
before the throne my Surety stands,
before the throne my Surety stands,
my name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
his all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear;
he owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
with confidence I now draw nigh,
with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

The Liturgy of the Upper Room

Words of Institution and Invitation 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 & The Belgic Confession, Art. 35

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Our savior Jesus Christ has ordained and instituted this Holy Supper to nourish and sustain those who are born again and grafted into His family: His church. Christ has instituted an earthly and visible bread as the sacrament of His body and wine as the sacrament of His blood.

*Just as truly as we take and hold the sacrament in our hands
and eat and drink them in our mouths,
by which our life is then sustained,
so truly we receive into our souls, for our spiritual life,
the true body and true blood of Christ, our only Savior.*

We receive these by faith, which is the hand and mouth of our souls.

This banquet is a spiritual table at which Christ communicates himself to us with all His benefits.

By the use of this holy sacrament our hearts are moved to a fervent love of God and our neighbors.

Jesus has said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst."

Let us therefore keep the feast!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration of Elements

Response of Prayer and Praise

Loving Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal kingdom. How gracious and merciful are You to remember Your covenant and to cause us to remember Your wonderful works by giving us this food. Impress Your sacramental presence deep within our hearts so that as You send us out from here, we may go in the power of Your Spirit to live and serve to the praise of Your glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Be Thou My Vision 642

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Benediction

Hebrews 13.20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Response

Doxology

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



*...loving God and worshiping Him as we impact our area
by teaching and discipling people for Jesus Christ.*