

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 31, 2019

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:19-20

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 119:89-112 (p. 830)

Hymn of Preparation*

“We Come, O Christ, to You” Hymn 181

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Our God and Father, we come to you as your children, grateful for the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ and aware of our continuing need of your grace.

All: We confess that we have sinned against you by breaking your commandments. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray. Apart from Christ we could never stand in your presence. Yet in him you have called us to draw near. In ourselves, we are unworthy, but in the Lord Jesus we boldly approach your throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: Thank you for the assurance we have of forgiveness through the blood of our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Isaiah 56:1-8

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

“Peace, Perfect Peace” Hymn 702

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed (p. 846)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Tithes and Offerings

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 734

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.

Lord's Prayer*

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.

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

- Second Reading*** 2 Corinthians 11:1-15
- Congregational Response** (Psalm 72:8-14; 17-19) “Christ Shall Have Dominion” Hymn 439
- Pastoral Prayer** (based on Psalm 68:19-20)
- Sermon** Pastor Ben Muresan
“Partnership in the Gospel”
Philippians 4:14-23
- Celebration of the Lord’s Supper** “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed” Hymn 254

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

- Hymn of Thanksgiving*** “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!” Hymn 535
- Benediction***
- Congregational Benediction Response*** “May the Peace of God”
- May the peace of God, our heav’nly Father,
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.
- REFRAIN
And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.
- May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his communion,
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

- Prelude**
- Greeting and Call to Worship*** Psalm 89:1-5
Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”
- All:** You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: ‘I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.’” Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
- Hymn*** “O Savior, Precious Savior” Hymn 159
- Congregational Confession of Sin**
Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins. For we know our transgressions, and our sins are always before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time we were conceived. Cleanse us, and we will be clean; wash us, and we will be whiter than snow. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and grant us steadfast obedience. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and grant us willing spirits, to sustain us. Then we will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. You are God our Savior, and we will sing of your righteousness. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.
- Assurance of Forgiveness** Revelation 1:5-6
To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- Hymn** “God, Be Merciful to Me” Hymn 486
- Scripture Reading*** Matthew 4
- Hymn** “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” Hymn 311
- Prayer**
- Sermon** “In Him There Is No Sin” Pastor Ben Muresan
1 John 3:5
- Hymn*** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” Hymn 310
- Benediction***
- Congregational Benediction Response*** “All Praise to Thee” Hymn 401

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