



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 24, 2019 – 9:30 AM

The worship of the Triune God is a person's most important duty. We are told in John 4:23-24 that God is seeking those who will worship Him in spirit and truth. As you prepare for today's worship service, purpose to be a participant and not a spectator. Join in the praise of the congregational singing (even if the song is unfamiliar), and in the joyful giving of tithes and offerings; pray along with the elders, adding your "Amen" (signifying your agreement with the petition, confession of sin, or adoration), and carefully listen to God Himself speaking through the reading and preaching of His Word. May our sovereign Lord receive glory today as you actively worship Him in the way that He has prescribed.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Please use this time to set your hearts on Christ and pray for the Word, our worship, and that holiness and reverence will be known among us.

"For the Beauty of the Earth" Adult & Children Choirs
Words: Folliot Pierpoint (1864); Tune: DIX by Conrad Kocher (1838)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

* Call to Worship Psalm 103:19-22

The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word! Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will! Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

** Those who are able, please stand.*

* Hymn of Praise "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory" #122

* Invocation

Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;* the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

And 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.

* "hell" refers here to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.

** "catholic" means "universal", referring here to the true church in all times and places.

Preparation for Confession of Sin Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Hebrews 9:24

Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

* Hymn of Thanks "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" Insert

Giving of Tithes and Offerings *(Please fill out the fellowship pads at this time and pass them down the aisle)*

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Offertory "Praise to God, Immortal Praise" Choir *Words and Tune by John Purifoy*

Praise to God immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days!
Bounteous source of every joy, let Thy praise our tongues employ.
All to Thee, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow.

For the love that crowns our day, praise to God, immortal praise!

As Thy prospering hand hath blest, may we give Thee of our best.

And by deeds of kindly love for Thy mercies grateful prove,
singing thus through all our days praise to God, immortal praise!

All the plenty summer pours, autumn's rich o'er flowing stores,
flocks that whiten all the plain, yellow sheaves of ripened grain,
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grateful vows of solemn praise.

Singing thus through all our days praise to God, immortal praise!

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.

All to Thee, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow.

For the love that crowns our days, praise to God, immortal praise!

Prayer of Response

* Scripture Reading Psalm 110; Hebrews 1

* Hymn of Preparation "Join All the Glorious Names" #301

Preaching of God's Word Pastor Aaron Myers

"The Ascension"
Acts 1:9-11

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

* Closing Hymn "Golden Harps are Sounding" Insert

* Benediction 2 Peter 3:18

* Postlude

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