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For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning
Epiphany Sunday
January 7, 2024, at 10:30



To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*The sounding of the bells calls
us to quiet our hearts before
worship.*

Welcome

Prelude

At the Name of Jesus
KING'S WESTON

*At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*

*God, who calls us into his
presence to worship, loves us
and has freed us from our sins
through the blood of Jesus
Christ.*

Call to Worship

From Revelation 1, 4, and 5

Minister: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was
and who is to come.

People: 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.

Minister: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was
and is and is to come!

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

People: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Minister: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever. Amen.



† **Hymn of Proclamation**

Join All the Glorious Names

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #301

DARWALL

† **Prayer of Adoration**

Unison: O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism

Question #1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

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Christian worship is trinitarian: we worship one God who exists eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Spirit.

The Heidelberg Catechism is a beloved Protestant confessional document that takes the form of a series of questions and answers for use in teaching the Christian faith. It was originally published in 1563 in Heidelberg, Germany.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly
willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† Gloria

Glory Be to God in Heaven

ODE TO JOY

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
On the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

† New Testament Lesson

Colossians 1:1-20

Pew Bible, page 983

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Dan Thompson

The Heart of the Gospel

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Lord of grace and truth, you command us to have no other gods before you. But we have run after idols. You command us to worship according to your Word. But we have worshiped according to our own preferences. You command us to hallow your name. But we have dishonored it. You command us to keep the Sabbath holy. But we have treated it like any other day. You command us to honor our father and mother. But we have dishonored and disobeyed those in authority. You command us to preserve life. But we have committed murder in our hearts. You command us not to commit adultery. But we have been unfaithful. You command us not to steal. But we have taken what does not belong to us. You command us not to bear false witness. But we have slandered our neighbor.

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"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

You command us not to covet. But we have been discontent. You tell us that if we love you, we will keep your commandments. But we have not loved you or kept your commandments. And so, we humbly repent and ask you to forgive us. Help us to love you out of the great love with which you first loved us, through your faithful and beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

From Colossians 1

Minister: Hear this good news: God has delivered those who repent and believe the gospel from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son. In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins.

Unison: Thanks be to God!



Giving to God & Instrumental Offertory

Ave Verum

W. A. Mozart

"Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours...But who am I, and what is my people that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you."

(I Chronicles 29:11, 14-15)

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*Jesus, Word of God incarnate,
Of the Virgin Mary born.
On the cross Thy sacred body
For us, with nails, was torn.*

† Doxology

Doxology II

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen



Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow. Praise Him all



crea-tures here be-low. Praise Him a-bove you hea-ven-ly



hosts! Praise to the Fa-ther, praise to the Son, and the Ho-ly



Ghost. A - men. A - men. A - men.

The word “doxology” comes from the Greek doxa (“glory”) and logos (“word”). Thus, to sing the doxology is to ascribe a word of glory to God.

† Celebration of Communion

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

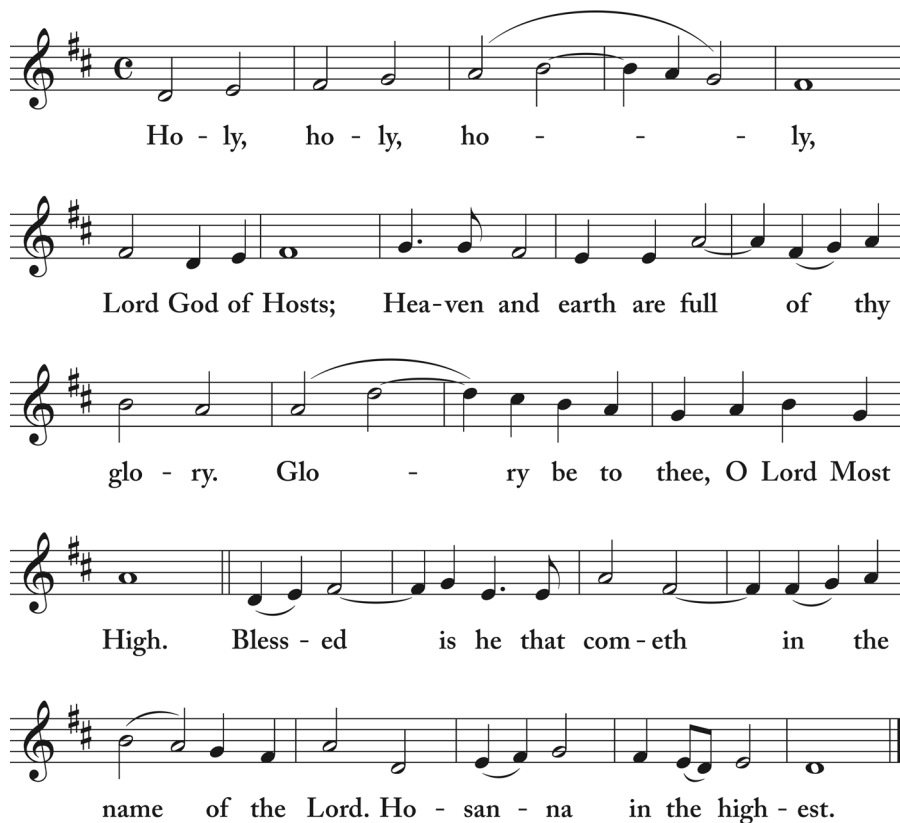
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord!

People: It is good and right so to do!

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because you gave your only Son to be born for us; who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the virgin Mary, his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your name as we sing,

† Sanctus

Healy Willan



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly,
 Lord God of Hosts; Hea-ven and earth are full of thy
 glo - ry. Glo - - ry be to thee, O Lord Most
 High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Sanctus means “holy” in Latin. In historic Christian liturgies, a hymn of praise acknowledging the holiness of God is often sung before the solemn celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

Prayer of Dedication

Words of Institution

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the faith:

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Communion Hymn

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #254

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

MARTYRDOM

Communion Hymn

Hymn C

In Christ Alone

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

When Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper, he did so with thanksgiving (1 Corinthians 11:24). Accordingly, this sacrament is sometimes called the “Eucharist,” a meal of thanksgiving.

† Prayer of Thanks

Unison: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. We have recalled your mighty acts in holy history. We have seen your power in sending light to conquer darkness, water to give us life, and the bread of heaven to nourish us in love. Send us with your salvation and joy to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people of God bear his name. God shows us favor not because we are righteous in ourselves, but because he has chosen to love us.

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #170 (*Verses 1 & 4*)

Fairest Lord Jesus
CRUSADER'S HYMN

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Since the early days of the Church, the observance of Holy Communion has been accompanied by the giving of offerings to the poor. Today's deacons' offering will go towards pro-life causes.

Postlude

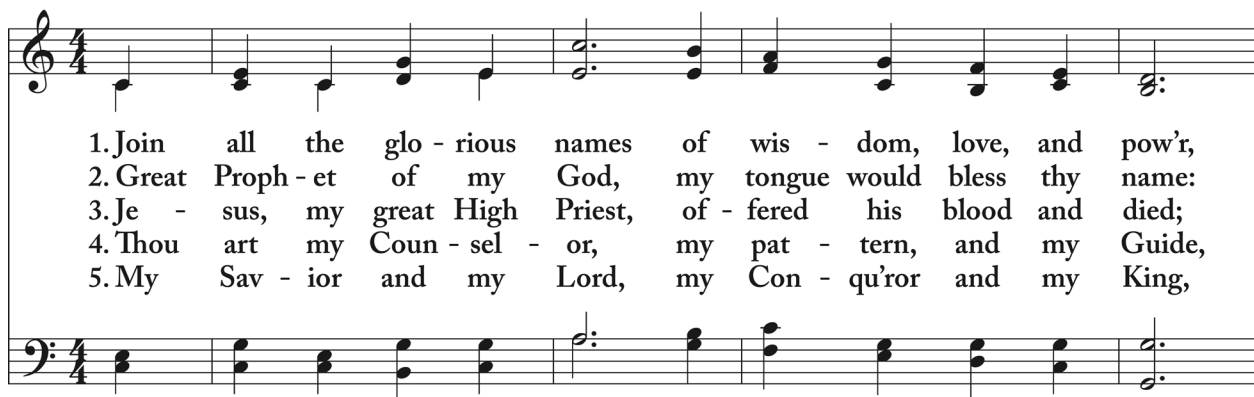
Postlude in G minor
Arr. by E. Broughton

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

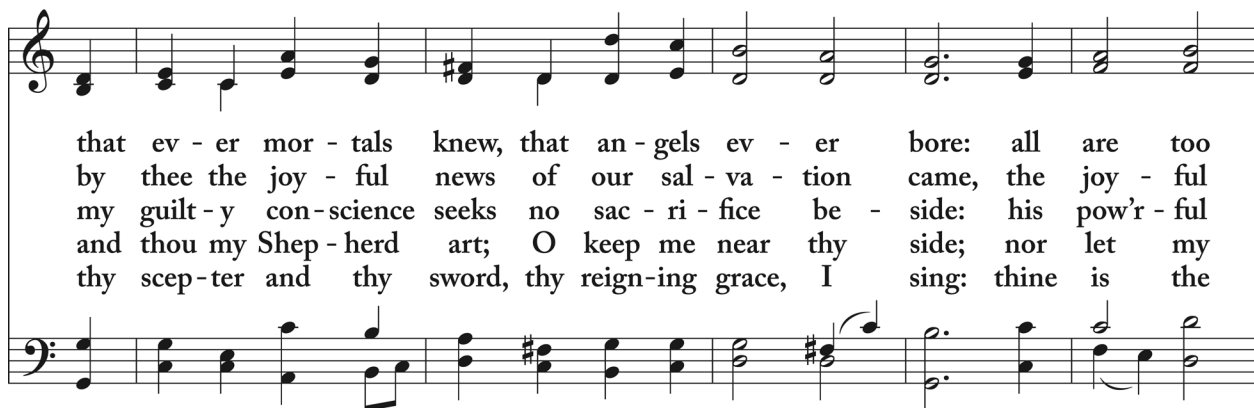
Join All the Glorious Names

God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.

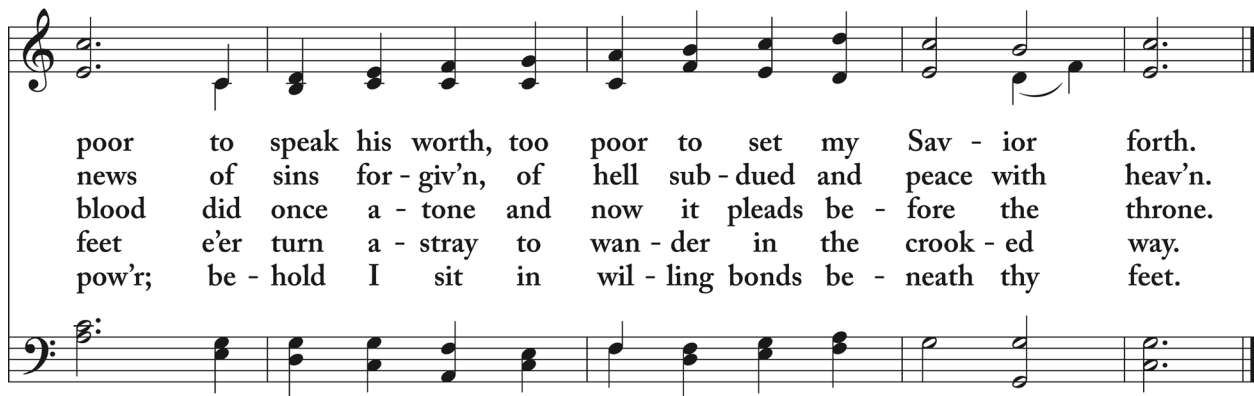
Phil. 2:9



1. Join all the glo - rious names of wis - dom, love, and pow'r,
 2. Great Proph - et of my God, my tongue would bless thy name:
 3. Je - sus, my great High Priest, of - fered his blood and died;
 4. Thou art my Coun - sel - or, my pat - tern, and my Guide,
 5. My Sav - ior and my Lord, my Con - qu'ror and my King,



that ev - er mor - tals knew, that an - gels ev - er bore: all are too
 by thee the joy - ful news of our sal - va - tion came, the joy - ful
 my guilt - y con - science seeks no sac - ri - fice be - side: his pow'r - ful
 and thou my Shep - herd art; O keep me near thy side; nor let my
 thy scep - ter and thy sword, thy reign - ing grace, I sing: thine is the



poor to speak his worth, too poor to set my Sav - ior forth.
 news of sins for - giv'n, of hell sub - dued and peace with heav'n.
 blood did once a - tone and now it pleads be - fore the throne.
 feet e'er turn a - stray to wan - der in the crook - ed way.
 pow'r; be - hold I sit in wil - ling bonds be - neath thy feet.

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities. Is. 53:5

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov - ereign die!
 2. Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned up - on the tree!
 3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut his glo - ries in,
 4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears;
 5. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I!
 A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
 when Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for man the crea - ture's sin.
 dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.
 here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

In Christ Alone

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

HYMN C



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground, His bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death- this is the pow'r of Christ in

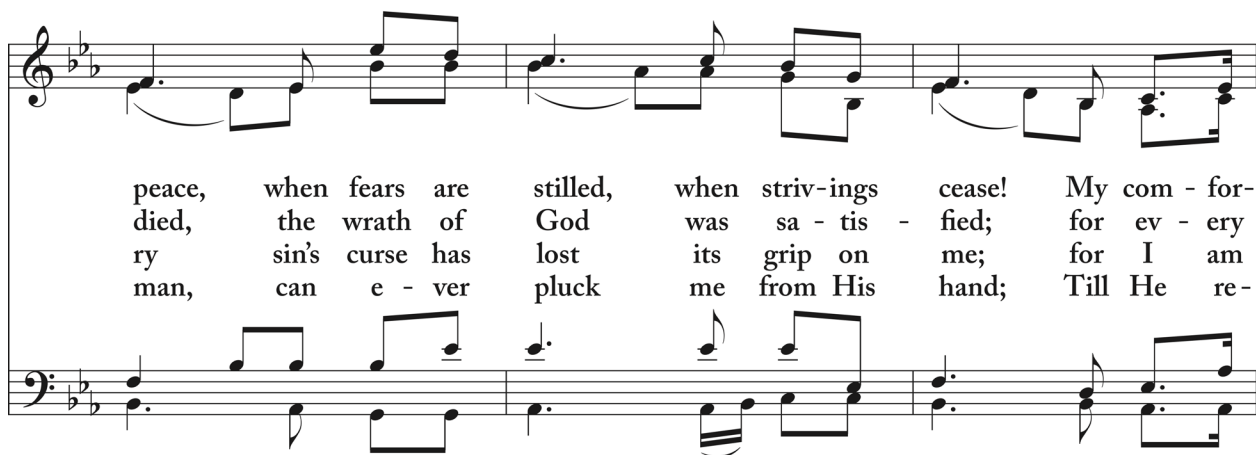


sung; This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the
slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Je - sus
grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of



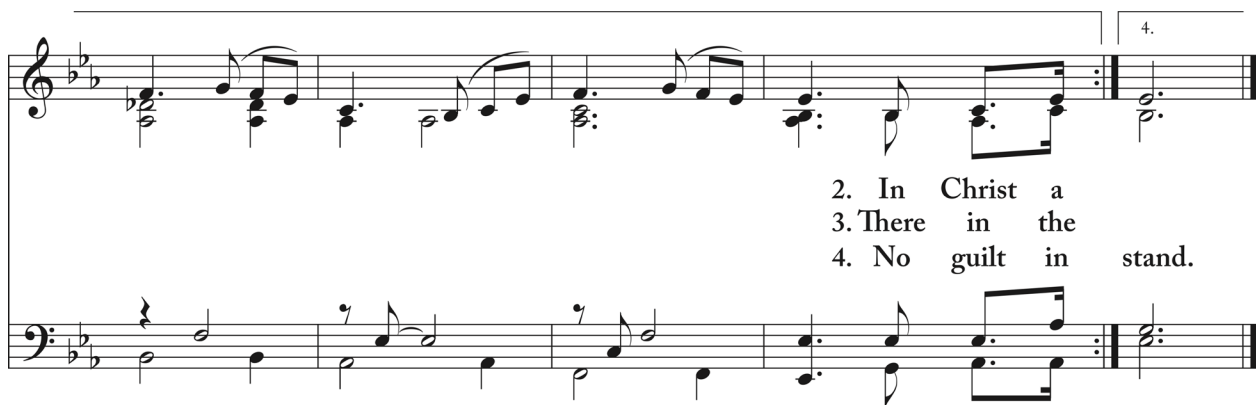


peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease! My com - for-
 died, the wrath of God was sa - tis - fied; for ev - ery
 ry sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
 man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand; Till He re -



1, 2, 3.

ter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on Him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.
 His and He is mine— bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 turns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll



4.

2. In Christ a
 3. There in the
 4. No guilt in stand.

Fairest Lord Jesus

*You are the most excellent of men and your lips have been anointed with grace, since
God has blessed you forever. Ps. 45:2*

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

The Big Idea: What we were powerless to do for ourselves, God did for us by giving his son to be a sacrifice of atonement (a propitiation) for sin. God acted in human history to turn aside his own just wrath against sin by offering a blood sacrifice—offering himself in the place of guilty people.

i. The magnitude of his sacrifice

ii. *The accomplishment of his sacrifice*

iii. *The fruit of his sacrifice*

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Sunday, January 7 | Genesis 7 • Matthew 7 |
| • Monday, January 8 | Genesis 8 • Matthew 8 |
| • Tuesday, January 9 | Genesis 9-10 • Matthew 9 |
| • Wednesday, January 10 | Genesis 11 • Matthew 10 |
| • Thursday, January 11 | Genesis 12 • Matthew 11 |
| • Friday, January 12 | Genesis 13 • Matthew 12 |
| • Saturday, January 13 | Genesis 14 • Matthew 13 |
| • Sunday, January 14 | Genesis 15 • Matthew 14 |

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use these questions to reflect more deeply on this week's sermon.

1. In what ways are we constantly in danger of losing sight of the core message of the gospel?
2. What does it mean to say God “qualified” you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light? How does the imagery of darkness, light, and a transfer of dominions, shape your understanding of God’s qualifying grace?
3. How does Paul magnify the grace of Christ Jesus by highlighting his lordship over creation?
4. When Paul says God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things through Christ, what are those “all things”?
5. What does it mean for you personally to have peace with God through the blood of Christ’s cross? What does that peace do for you as you face the uncertainties of our world?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Devote time to memorizing this passage of Scripture throughout the month.

“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom...” (Daniel 7:13-14)

ABOUT WORSHIP

In his encounter with the woman of Samaria, Jesus explained that “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). The reason Jesus says true worshipers must worship in this way is because God himself “is spirit.” Here we discover the simple yet profound principle that true worship is a response to God as he has personally revealed himself. Thus, conformity to God’s character is the key to true worship. “Great is the LORD,” as the psalmist puts it, “and greatly to be praised” (Psalm 48:1)! In worship, we seek to reflect this divine reality, declaring with our lips and demonstrating with our lives that God is supremely precious and therefore worthy of all glory and honor and praise.

THE SHAPE OF WORSHIP



Entering God’s Presence—We gather in response to God’s call to worship, joyfully offering praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. With reverence and awe, we confess our sins and receive God’s forgiveness, which is declared in Jesus’ name.



Renewing Our Faith—Worship continues with a focus on God’s Word. Our faith is renewed as we publicly confess the truth of God, join our hearts and voices in prayers and hymns of praise to God, and hear the good news of God powerfully proclaimed.



Responding in Thanks—As hearing becomes doing, we respond to the proclamation of God’s Word. Songs of praise continue to be raised and the gifts and offerings of God’s people are collected. On Communion Sundays we are invited to celebrate the Lord’s Supper. With God’s blessing upon us, we are sent into the world to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ!

Why Do We Worship in This Way?

In this section, we answer a question about worship each week.

Question: What is expository preaching, and why is St Paul’s committed to it?

Answer: Expository preaching is an approach to preaching that makes the main point of the text the main point of the sermon. Rather than using a passage as a springboard to talk about something else, expository preaching seeks to bring out and apply what is present within a given text in light of the context of Scripture as a whole.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. Our hope is that you find our worship service glorifying to God and personally refreshing.

We would love to connect with you. Please stop by our New Visitor Table in the Narthex after the service so that we may greet you in person and provide you a *Welcome Bag*. To connect with us, please use the QR code below to fill out a *Connect Card*.

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Our Vision

To see the invisible kingdom of heaven made visible,
for the glory of God and the joy of all peoples.

Our Mission

To grow in grace and give away our lives
in the following seven major ministry areas:

- Worship** that exalts God in Christ and promotes unity in the Spirit
- Discipleship** that is rooted in the Scriptures and centered in the gospel
- Community** that is characterized by discipleship and care for one another
- Local Missions** that promotes the common good and evangelizes the lost
- Global Missions** that participates in church planting and spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth
- Children's Ministry** that partners with parents to build children up in the faith through loving care and Reformed biblical teaching
- Youth Ministry** that promotes maturity, joy, and identity in Christ

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