

The Lord's Service

March 1, 2020

**Standing together is our ordinary practice,
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Prelude

Evangeline Wykoff

Deo Gracias: O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High!

Mary Beth Bennett

*Song of Praise and Greeting

Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

Margaret Becker and Keith Getty



1. Je - sus, draw me ev - er near er as I la bor through the storm.____
2. Je - sus, guide me through the tem pest, keep my spir it staid and sure.____
3. Let the _treas ures of the tri - al form with - in me as I go.



You have called me to this pas - sage, and I'll fol - low though I'm worn.
When the mid - night meets the morn ing, let me love You e - ven more.
And at the end of this long pas - sage let me leave them at Your throne.



May this jour - ney bring a bless - ing, may I rise ____ on wings of faith; ____



and at the end of my heart's test - ing, with Your like - ness let me wake.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet God in worship.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 34.1-3

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times;

PEOPLE: **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

LEADER: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

PEOPLE: **Let the humble hear and be glad.**

LEADER: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

PEOPLE: **And let us exalt his name together!**

*Hymn

No. 1

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

*Invocation

Elder Danny Grant

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Leviticus 19.18

LEADER: You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge
against the sons of your own people,

PEOPLE: **But you shall love your neighbor as
yourself: I am the Lord.**

*Whether seated or kneeling,
let us approach the Lord together with a posture of reverence.*

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who pardons all who repent and turn to You;
We humbly confess our sins and implore Your mercy.
We have not loved You with a pure heart;
neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justly, nor loved mercy,
nor walked humbly with You, our God.**

Call to Worship

We are called into worship by God Himself. He sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ.

Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will.

Call to Confession

As we see God in His invitation and our praise, we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. God's Holy Scripture has the authority to reveal us to ourselves and transition our hearts to confession.

Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time not only for individual silent confession, but also confession that unites our voices as a body of people equally and desperately in need of God's grace.

Have mercy on us, O God,
according to Your loving-kindness;
according to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
forgive our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from Your presence;
and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold us with Your free Spirit.
through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*Choral Meditation

Psalm 131

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted at its mother's breast;
Like a child that is quieted is my soul.
(Van, 2007 Birnamwood Publications)

Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1.13-14

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”
The peace of the Lord be with you!
PEOPLE: And also with you!

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder John Wykoff

Genesis 1.26-31 (p. 1)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health, O Lord

I have longed for Thy saving health, O Lord;

Thy law is my delight, O Lord.

O, let my soul live,

And it shall praise Thee, and Thy judgements shall help me.

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*Doxology

No. 731

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.

*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

*Hymn

No. 516

Jesus, I Live to Thee

Scripture Lesson

Romans 14.1-12 (p. 948)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

CHRIST'S REIGN AND OUR OPINION

*Hymn

No. 242

Not All the Blood of Beasts

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. This lesson, or reading, helps prepare us for the Scripture lesson that will be preached from later.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The tithe is our regular, worshipful setting apart of a portion of our resources for the purpose of God, while an offering is an additional portion we return to God for His glory. Both are a display of our joyful dependence upon God rather than our money.

Doxology

A *doxology* is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory. The *Gloria Patri* is another example of a doxology.

Prayer of the Church

We share in our health and sickness, happiness and sorrow, assurance and doubt, as we bring our prayers to God, together. Holy Scripture commands pastors to pray with and for God's people, not just in corporate worship, but privately, as well.

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service, but this lesson, or reading, prepares us for the sermon text.

Sermon

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Holy Scripture by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Confession of Faith

By confessing our faith together using statements believed by Christians over the ages, we join in the sweep of Christian history even as we await the return of Jesus.

† "catholic" -- universal

*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Apostles' Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**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.**

*Gloria Patri

No. 735

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.

God Communes with Us

*The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **It is good and right so to do.**

LEADER: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing...

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify Your glorious name, ever more praising and singing...

*Song of Ascent

Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,___ Ho - ly,
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might;___ Heav'n and earth are
full,___ full_ of Your glo - ry, Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na
in the high - est! Bles - sed is He that comes___ in the Name of the Lord.
___ Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Instruction and Prayer

The Institution

Distribution Hymn

It Is Well with My Soul

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
 4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
 part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

“It is well, it is well with my soul.”
 and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
 “E - ven so”— it is well with my soul.

with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
 with my soul;

Amazing Grace! (vs. 1-3, 6)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

God Commissions Us

*Benediction

Pastor Mullinax

Postlude

Evangeline Wykoff

Jesus Priceless Treasure - J.S. Bach

Benediction

Just as God calls us to worship at the beginning of the service with Holy Scripture, He sends us into our week with a Holy Scripture reminder (*a good word*) of the blessing of Christ, by God's grace, through the indwelling Spirit.