
prelude

PAT DOLAN

As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.

Allemande (BWV 815) – J. S. Bach

Beautiful Savior – Silesian folk tune / Dale Wood

preparing our hearts

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

– 1 John 4:7-8 ESV

**** call to worship**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

All: **Serve the LORD with gladness!**

Leader: Come into his presence with singing!

All: **Know that the LORD, he is God!**

Leader: It is he who made us, and we are his;

All: **We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

– Psalm 100:1-2 ESV

Leader: Today we worship God on High who is, and was, and evermore shall be.

All: **Amen.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Leader: God of heaven, whose voice is like thunder, come and drown out the noise in our minds; whose voice commands the wind and the waves, speak and silence the world that rages; whose voice is in the whisper that brings us hope and comfort; speak your Word over us and breathe upon us by your Spirit; and be worshipped here in this place, by the strength you give and as a praise of your glorious grace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

* Here, "catholic" means "universal," and refers to the Christian church in all places

BETTER IS ONE DAY

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty
My soul longs and even faints for you
For here my heart is satisfied, within your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings *

**Chorus (2x):*

Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere (thousands elsewhere)

One thing I ask, and I would seek, to see your beauty,
To find you in the place your glory dwells,
One thing I ask, and I would seek, to see your beauty,
To find you in the place your glory dwells *

Bridge:

My heart and flesh cry out for you, the Living God
Your Spirit's water for my soul
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me.
I will draw near to you, I will draw near to you.*

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

– Psalm 139:23-24 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Gracious Lord, forgive us for our many sins.
For our gaze is set on ourselves, placing our needs first and
Pursuing our own interests before the love of our neighbor;
Or else, our gaze is on others, but only in a sinful manner,
For we puff up or shrink by comparing ourselves to others, and
We forget to love them in action and truth.
By sinning against our neighbor, we have sinned against you.**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, no matter what our condition, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joy is to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

All: **To whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

– Galatians 1:3-5 ESV

BEHOLD THE AMAZING GIFT OF LOVE

Behold the amazing gift of love the Father hath bestowed
On us, the sinful sons of men, to call us sons of God!

Concealed as yet this honor lies, by this dark world unknown,
A world that knew not when he came, e'en God's eternal Son.

High is the rank we now possess; but higher we shall rise;
Though what we shall hereafter be is hid from mortal eyes:

Our souls, we know, when God appears, shall bear his image bright;
For then his glory, as he is, shall open to our sight.

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Leader: Exodus 34:1-10
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,
**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

Leader: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3–K.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

Series | “Romans, Part Four: Why We Serve”

Sermon | “Love in Action”

September 23, 2018

Romans 12:9-13 ESV | **9** Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. **10** Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. **11** Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. **12** Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. **13** Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

1. Love One Another Sincerely
2. Serve One Another Enthusiastically
3. Help One Another Generously

**** the gospel charge**

Leader: In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

All: ...[W]alk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

– Ephesians 4:15-16_{ESV}

WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.

If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays. During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymns.

NOTE TO PARENTS: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24^{ESV}

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Hear us then, as we pray.

All: Father, we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his willing obedience and suffering during his life on earth, and for his sacrifice of his body and blood on the cross. As we partake of these, your gifts of the bread and the cup, give us assurance that we are made whole by his body and our sins are pardoned through his blood. Fill our minds with your peace and turn our eyes to heaven, where Christ is at your right hand interceding for us. Enable us to offer up ourselves in service to Christ and unite us with each other through your Spirit so that we may continue in the living hope of our Savior’s coming in glory. Hear us now through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DEAR REFUGE OF MY WEARY SOUL

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee, when sorrows rise
On thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies
To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to thee, though prostrate in the dust

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access, to breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat.
With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet,
Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat.
With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet

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JESUS LOVER OF MY SOUL

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

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HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

** Chorus:*

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To take away transgression and rule in equity.*

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.*

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;*

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His Name shall stand forever; that Name to us is Love.*

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announcements

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**** benediction**