

Liturgy for Corporate Worship

Communion Sunday

February 2, 2020

Prelude

Introit

Chancel Choir

We Will Glorify

Call to Worship

Psalm 8:1a

Opening Hymn

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How Great Thou Art

*Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

O great and everlasting God, Who dwells in unapproachable light, Who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart; we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, nor with all our soul, nor with all our mind, nor with all our strength; nor our neighbors as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with Your provisions for us. We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about Your church, and about our trials. We have sought our security in those things which perish, rather than in You, the Everlasting God. Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, who is able for all time to save us who approach You through him, since he always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:8-9

*The Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory

Chris Holmberg

Thoughts

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Paul Cooper

The 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. 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.

Unison Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:1-9

Anthem

Chancel Choir

In a Servant's Heart

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation

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Who with God Most High Finds Shelter

Sermon

Rev. Peter Scribner

Galatians 4:21-31

*The Nicene Creed

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the 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 men 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 sits at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I 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 I believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn of Celebration

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Before the Throne of God Above

*Benediction

*Parting Hymn

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Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace. Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling thro' this wilderness.

Postlude

Our Corporate Prayer of Confession is based on Deuteronomy 6 and Hebrews 7.

**Those able are encouraged to stand.*

Featured Element of Worship: How Great Thou Art

One day in 1885, the Swedish poet and politician, Carl Boberg, was walking home from church listening to the pleasant chiming of the church bells, when all of the sudden a great storm seemed to arise from nowhere. Loud claps of thunder, bright flashes of lightning, sweeping winds, and pouring rains overwhelmed his senses. Just as quickly as the storm arose though, it quickly gave way to a peaceful calm, with a beautiful rainbow in the sky and the gentle songs of birds filling his ears. Inspired by this experience and his own meditations on Psalm 8, Boberg wrote this hymn which was originally used in the persecuted underground church of late 19th century Sweden, but, upon being translated into English, eventually became one of the most widely sung hymns in the world.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question of the Week

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption?

A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption are, his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.⁷

⁷ **Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:41-42.**