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Collingswood and its surrounding boroughs

Gathering Before God

January 2, 2022
Second Sunday After Christmas

Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood, (3x)
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood (3x)
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3x)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

People: We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

People: He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

(from Psalm 9 and Isaiah 40)

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Nothing But The Blood

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon this I see:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my hope and peace:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this my plea:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Nothing can for sin atone:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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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,
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Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what
has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be
changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

Silent Confession

WORDS OF PARDON

“Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord God calls to himself.”

(Acts 2:37-39)

PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 25

Of David

- 1** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 2** O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
- 3** Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- 4** Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
- 5** Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.
- 6** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
- 7** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
- 8** Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- 9** He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

11 For your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

12 Who is the man who fears the LORD?
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

13 His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.

14 The friendship-of the LORD is for those who fear him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.

15 My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

16 Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.

18 Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

19 Consider how many are my foes,
and with what violent hatred they hate me.

20 Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me,
for I wait for you.

22 Redeem Israel, O God,
out of all his troubles.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Speaker: Eric Mitchell

Title: "The Paths of God"

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Leader: Let us say what we believe.

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
whence He shall 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 life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH SHELBY HAMILTON

OFFERING

The Sending

BENEDICTION

Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Now and forevermore, go in peace.

(2 Cor 13:14)

People: Amen.