



THE LORD'S DAY

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
AND COVENANT RENEWAL

JULY 3rd
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ENTRANCE

Prelude

† Salutation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: And blessed be God's kingdom forever and ever.

† Call to Worship: Psalm 68:32-35

† Entrance Hymn: Cantus 343, *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

† Prayer (Collect for purity)

† Song of Praise: Songbook A-2, *Doxology (with arms raised)*

PURIFICATION

Reading of the Law

Leader: And God spoke all these words, saying: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Congregation: You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners.

Call to Confession: Psalm 37:27–31

Corporate Confession

The people are invited to kneel if they are able.

Almighty and most merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have strayed from your righteous ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have left undone the things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We ask of You, O Lord, to forgive what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and of Your mercy to direct what we shall be; So that we may hereafter walk in the way of your commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

† Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 32:1–2

ASCENSION

† Sursum Corda ('Lift up your hearts')

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is fitting and right to give Him thanks and praise.

† Acclamation

† Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy): Songbook A–3

(Singing): **Holy, holy, holy, LORD God of Hosts!
The whole earth is full of His glory!
Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD God Almighty,
Who was, and is, and is to come (and is to come)!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

† The Great Commandment

Leader: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Congregation: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

Leader: And the second is like it:

Congregation: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the prophets.

Leader: And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

All of you stand today before the LORD your God that you may enter into covenant with the LORD your God, and into His oath, which the LORD your God makes with you today, that He may establish you today as a people for Himself.

Congregation: The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey.

† Hymn of Ascension:

Songbook C-22, Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

CONSECRATION BY THE WORD

† Prayer (Collect for illumination)

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Apostolic Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20

† Gospel Reading: John 16:25-33

After each reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Mr. Timothy Padgett, Esther 1, “Where is God?”

Pastoral prayer

† **Hymn of Response:** Songbook C-14, *How Firm a Foundation*

† **The Nicene Creed**

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

Congregation: 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 on 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.

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 in 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.

TRIBUTE OFFERING

Prayers of God’s People

The prayers of God’s people closes with The Lord’s Prayer:

Leader: Lord, we offer to you all these prayers, in and through your Spirit, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, praying as he taught us to pray:

(Songbook A–5): Our Father who art in heaven . . .

Presenting of tithes and offerings: 1 Peter 4:8–10

Songbook C-12, *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul*

COMMUNION

Invitation

† **Dialog and Alleluia (Revelation 19:6–8):** Songbook A–6

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: And with your spirit.

Leader: Alleluia! Surely, salvation, glory, honor, and power belong to the Lord our God! Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!

(Singing): Alleluia!

**For the Lord our God Almighty reigneth,
Let us rejoice, exult, and give all glory to his name,
For the marriage of the Lamb has come,
His Bride has made herself ready.
The finest linen has she been given,
with a shining raiment she has been clothed:
The righteous deeds of the holy ones.**

Leader: Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Memorial**

When the bread and cup are passed, the people may eat and drink as they are served.

Partaking of the Bread:

Cantus 314, O Day of Rest and Gladness

Partaking of the Cup:

Songbook C-29, When I Survey the Wonderous Cross

† Proclamation

Leader: People of God, let us therefore stand together and
proclaim our faith!

**Congregation: Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ is coming again!**

Leader: He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.'

Congregation: Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

† Hymn of Thanksgiving:

Cantus 311, Jesus Shall Reign

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

† Word of Commission

† Benediction

† Recession: Songbook A-7, *Song of Simeon*

With arms raised during the Gloria:

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according
to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou
hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the
Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel.**

**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!**

† Dismissal

After the words of dismissal, the congregations responds:

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 30

80. Q: **What difference is there between the Lord's Supper and the popish mass?**

A: The Lord's Supper testifies to us that we have a full pardon of all sin by the only sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which He Himself has once accomplished on the cross; and that we by the Holy Ghost are ingrafted into Christ, who according to His human nature is now not on earth, but in heaven at the right hand of God His Father, and will there be worshiped by us—but the mass teaches that the living and dead have not the pardon of sins through the sufferings of Christ, unless Christ is also daily offered for them by the priests; and further, that Christ is bodily under the form of bread and wine, and therefore is to be worshiped in them; so that the mass, at bottom, is nothing else than a denial of the one sacrifice and sufferings of Jesus Christ, and an accursed idolatry.

81. Q: **For whom is the Lord's Supper instituted?**

A: For those who are truly sorrowful for their sins, and yet trust that these are forgiven them for the sake of Christ, and that their remaining infirmities are covered by His passion and death; and who also earnestly desire to have their faith more and more strengthened, and their lives more holy; but hypocrites, and such as turn not to God with sincere hearts, eat and drink judgment to themselves.

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