

THE DIVINE SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 – 9:30 AM

PRELUDE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
Romans 5:1-2

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

INTROIT

SALUTATION MATTHEW 28:19

MINISTER: We are gathered in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 19

MINISTER: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

PEOPLE: **The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;**

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold.

Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Let us therefore bow down and worship our Maker.

Our rock and our redeemer. Alleluia! Amen.

* HYMN OF APPROACH No. 2

O Worship the King

PEOPLE: AMEN!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD DIRECTS US TO HIS TRUTH

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell¹; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick² and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic³ church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen!

¹hades (*i.e.*, death) – c.f. LC Q50, ²living, ³universal

* 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.

* SCRIPTURE READING PSALM 30

ELDER: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8

PEOPLE: AMEN!

GOD RENEWS US IN CHRIST

CONFESSION OF SIN

from Prone to Wander

MINISTER: *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.*
Psalm 1:1-2

PEOPLE: **O God from whom all blessings flow, we have sinned times without number just this week and have repeatedly been guilty of searching for blessings in this world apart from you. You have provided a rich feast for our souls in your Word and the Lord's Supper, yet we are careless in our use of those means, bored by your gospel of grace, and more captivated by your gifts than we are by you. When we do cherish your blessings, we are apt to turn them into idols and grasp at them sinfully.**

Father, how can we thank you for your perfect Son? He gave up all the blessings of heaven to become sin for us, choosing to be cursed so that we would be richly blessed forever. He has earned your pleasure for us and satisfied your wrath; thank you.

Holy Spirit, we need you to remind us often that we are clothed every moment in the righteousness of Jesus. As we race through each day chasing blessing in sinful ways, stop us often and remind us that you have already given us every spiritual blessing in Christ. May we bear the fruit of joy and growing obedience as we meditate on the richness of your blessings to us in Christ, in whom fearful sinners are dearly loved and crowned with a glory that they could never earn. Amen.

(SILENT CONFESSION)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MINISTER: *Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.*
Psalm 32:1-2, 5

PEOPLE: AMEN!

* SONG OF THANKSGIVING See Insert

In Christ Alone

* Congregation Stands

GOD INVITES US TO JOYFUL SACRIFICE

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY No. 731
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.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13
Our Father, which 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. And 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.

GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

* THE SERMON TEXT JOHN 11:1-16
MINISTER: This is the word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: AMEN!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

LAZARUS DIES – IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE (& GLORY)



GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE

* SONG OF PREPARATION See Insert
Behold the Lamb

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOD BLESSES & SENDS US OUT

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 57
Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, Oh My Soul
PEOPLE: AMEN!

* BENEDICTION NUMBERS 6:24-26

* CONGREGATIONAL THREEFOLD AMEN No. 740

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

* RESPONSIVE READING PAGES 836-7

PSALM 141

* PSALM 99 Trinity Psalter

EVENING PRAYER

* SERMON TEXT HABAKKUK 1:12-2:1

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A CURSE WORSE THAN THE PROBLEM?

BENEDICTION 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

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