

THE DIVINE SERVICE

JANUARY 26, 2020 – 9:30 AM

PRELUDE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created." Rev. 4:9-11

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 118

MINISTER: O come, let us give thanks to the LORD,
For he is good!
For his mercy endures forever.

PEOPLE: **Let those who fear the LORD now say,
his mercy endures forever.**

It is better to trust in the LORD
than to trust in princes.
The LORD is our strength and song,
And he has become our salvation.

**He is our God, and we will praise him;
he is our God; we will exalt him.**

O come, let us give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good!
For his mercy endures forever.

* HYMN OF APPROACH No. 295

Crown Him with Many Crowns

PEOPLE: AMEN!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD DIRECTS US TO HIS TRUTH

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Westminster Confession of Faith*
CHAPTER 1.6 & 1.7 – OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for his own glory and man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly stated in Scripture or by good and necessary inference may be deduced from Scripture. Nothing at any time is to be added to scripture, whether by new revelations of the Spirit or by traditions of men.¹ Nevertheless, we acknowledge that the inward illumination of the Spirit of God is necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word.² We also acknowledge that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God and the government of the church — circumstances common to human activities and societies — which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.³

¹ II Tim. 3:15, 16, 17; Gal. 1:8, 9; II Thess. 2:2

² John 6:45, I Cor. 2:9-12

³ Cor. 11:13, 14; I Cor. 14:26, 40

Not all things in Scripture are equally plain in themselves or equally clear to all;¹ yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed, and observed for salvation are so clearly stated and explained in one place or another in Scripture, that not only the educated but also the uneducated may gain a sufficient understanding of them by a proper use of the ordinary means.²

¹ II Peter 3:16

² Psalm 119:105, 130

* 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 100

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: *"Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them,
for this is the Law and the Prophets."* Matthew 7:12

PEOPLE: **Glorious Father, we are left uncomfortably exposed
by Jesus' words. In the blinding light of your law of
love, we stand woefully condemned. If we were
treated as we treat others, we would be devastated.
We would be despised for our outward appearance,
rejected for our sinful behavior, and ridiculed in
secret gossip. We would be slighted, cursed and
mocked. We would be misused sexually, abused
emotionally, and abandoned relationally. This is
precisely what we have done to others, consistently
and willingly. Father, forgive us.**

**Unburden our minds by the atoning work of Jesus,
our Redeemer. Remind us that you harbor no wrath
toward us, Lord, because you poured out your holy
judgement of these sins on Jesus. The powerful
voice that spoke only in love and truth toward others
cried out in agony as you abandoned him for the
sins that we confess this day. We may come boldly
because Jesus did for us what we could never do for
ourselves. He fulfilled your law of love by being
condemned in our place. We are amazed by this
stunning act of love.**

(SILENT CONFESSION)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MINISTER: *There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from
the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law,
weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own son in the
likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,
in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled
in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the
Spirit.* Romans 8:1-4

PEOPLE: AMEN!

* PSALM OF THANKSGIVING Trinity Psalter
Psalm 130

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

* SERMON TEXT: EPHESIANS 1:1-2
MINISTER: This is the word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: AMEN!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD MR. NATHAN MORGAN

GRACE TO YOU, AND PEACE!



GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE

* SONG OF PREPARATION Insert
Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
PEOPLE: AMEN!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOD BLESSES & SENDS US OUT

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 585
Take My Life, and Let It Be vs 1-5
* BENEDICTION NUMBERS 6:24-26
* CONGREGATIONAL THREEFOLD AMEN No. 740

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

JANUARY 26, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

* RESPONSIVE READING Pages 800
PSALM 42

EVENING PRAYER

* SERMON TEXT PSALM 7

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RUNNING TO THE REFUGE

BENEDICTION 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

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