

THE DIVINE SERVICE

MARCH 15, 2020 – 9:30 AM

PRELUDE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.
Isaiah 26:3-4

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 150

MINISTER: Praise God in his sanctuary;
Praise him in his mighty firmament!

PEOPLE: **Praise him for his mighty acts,
Praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet;
Praise him with the lute and harp!

**Praise him with timbrel and dance;
Praise him with stringed instruments and flutes!**

Praise him with loud cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

* HYMN OF APPROACH No. 165

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

PEOPLE: AMEN!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COVENANT BAPTISM

Elora Korinne Wilson

* Congregation Stands

GOD DIRECTS US TO HIS TRUTH

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Heidelberg Catechism*, 1563 A.D.

QUESTION 15

MINISTER: What kind of mediator and deliverer must we seek?

PEOPLE: **One who is a true¹ and righteous² man, and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, one who is at the same time true God.³**

[1] I Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:17. [2] Is. 53:9; II Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:26.

[3] Is. 7:14; 9:6; Jer. 23:6; John 1:1; Rom. 8:3, 4.

QUESTION 16

MINISTER: Why must He be a true and righteous man?

PEOPLE: **He must be a true man because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should pay for sin.¹ He must be a righteous man because one who himself is a sinner cannot pay for others.²**

[1] Rom: 5:12, 15; I Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:14-16. [2] Heb. 7:26, 27; I Pet. 3:18.

QUESTION 17

MINISTER: Why must He at the same time be true God?

PEOPLE: **He must be true God so that by the power of His divine nature¹ He might bear in His human nature the burden of God's wrath,² and might obtain for us and restore to us righteousness and life.³**

[1] Is. 9:5. [2] Deut. 4:24; Nah. 1:6; Ps. 130:3. [3] Is. 53:5, 11; John 3:16; II Cor. 5:21.

* 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 106:1-23, 43-48

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: *"The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"* Matthew 6:22-23

PEOPLE: **Holy God, our eyes are full of darkness. On a daily basis they violate those around us. We have been lured by television, internet, movies; we have seen others as objects of consumption; we have lusted after people and after things; we have looked down on some with scorn even while looking up and coveting others. Though each of us may sinfully gaze in longing on different things, all our eyes have been drawn easily and often away from You, our Creator God.**

But amidst the darkness, we see you, Lord Jesus, Light of the World. When you left your throne and took on human flesh you literally saw the world with eyes just like ours, but without sin. Though tempted in every way as we are, your eyes remained pure and undefiled, leaving your body full of light. This same body hung lifeless on the cross due to the darkness of our sin, and your eyes were filled with agony as your Father poured upon you the wrath that we deserve.

We are indeed debtors to your mercy! We ask that you help us to look away from the images we have stored up in our minds, and to look on others with love and compassion, remembering that they are made in your image. We long to see you, Jesus, who looked upon us with great love, saw us as a great treasure, and paid for us at great price. Amen.

(SILENT CONFESSION)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MINISTER: *And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to [Jesus]. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written*

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:17-21

PEOPLE: AMEN!

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING No. 692

To You, O Lord, I Fly

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: HEBREWS 2:14-18
MINISTER: This is the word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: AMEN!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD REV. KENNETH ROTH

WHY DID GOD BECOME MAN?



GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE

* SONG OF PREPARATION Insert
Behold the Lamb
PEOPLE: AMEN!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOD BLESSES & SENDS US OUT

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 347
The Church's One Foundation
* BENEDICTION NUMBERS 6:24-26
* CONGREGATIONAL THREEFOLD AMEN No. 740

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CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

* RESPONSIVE READING Pages 803
PSALM 48

EVENING PRAYER

* SERMON TEXT EXODUS 11

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD REV. NATHAN MORGAN

FAVOR AND PROTECTION

BENEDICTION 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

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