

Bulletin for Worship

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Call to Worship

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Brothers and Sisters, the love of God is poured over you. You are called to this place to hear God's love and concern for you, and to be filled with God's Holy Spirit which will quench the thirst within your souls.

We feel our thirsting souls quenched by God's mercy. Come let us worship God and proclaim God's goodness.

Hymn: Glory to God Hymnal #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song
shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy!
merciful and mighty!
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
who wert, and art,
and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness
thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy;
there is none beside thee,
perfect in power,
in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy!
merciful and mighty!
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.; Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea; Spanish trans. Juan B. Cabrera; MUSIC (NICA EA 11.12.12.10): John Bacchus Dykes, 1861; desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948; Korean Trans: The Christian Literature Society of Korea; Music Desc. © 1948, ren. H. W. Gray Co., Inc. (a div. of Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp.)

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Patient God, we are so easily distracted from what You would have us be and what You would have us do. We allow ourselves to be claimed by the angry and hurting

world as though that is the place where we might find what we need for our hungry souls. You remind us that, from the beginning, Your love has been available to us. Forgive us when we so easily turn toward ignorance and greed as ways of living in the world. Heal our wounded souls. Challenge us to be Your people — not owned by false promises of instant wealth and status — but strengthened and empowered to be those who bring hope through our words and actions. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Take a few moments to offer your own silent confession.

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

In our words, smiles, compassionate living we bear the image of our God. In our willingness to serve the voiceless and alienated, the lost and alone, God's presence abide with us. Rejoice! You are called "Beloved of God" and given God's own stamp in your lives.

Through the grace of Jesus our Savior, we are forgiven. Amen.

The Presbyterian Hymnal #579 "Gloria Patri"

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.

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Glory Be to the Father

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text. Composer: Henry W. Greatorex (1851)

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

^{1:1} Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead— Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a

denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Message: "Give to God What is God's"

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who 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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending: Glory to God Hymnal #708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace:
it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

TEXT: William Walsham How, c. 1858

MUSIC (SCHUMANN, SM): Mason and Webb's Cantica Laudis, 1850

Benediction