

Bulletin for Worship

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Call to Worship

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Come into the presence of God and find peace. Step away from the cares and worries that overwhelm us and let us experience the grace that God has for us.

Let us not be consumed by our worries and cares, instead let us be joyful as we are brought together by the love of Jesus our Savior, and by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Let us worship God together.

Hymn: Glory to God Hymnal #4 "Holy God, we Praise Your Name"

Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

All apostles join the strain
as your sacred name they hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the blessed martyrs follow,
and from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

TEXT: Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774; trans. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1858, alt.

MUSIC (GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH 7.8.7.8.7.7):

Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, c. 1774; harm. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Lord of Mercy and Justice, You have given us so many talents and gifts to be used in Your world. You have given us these gifts because You trust us to use them well — and You will be with us in all our work. But we disappoint You when we do not value our talents or become so fearful of failure that we don't believe that we are capable of helping in this world. Lord, forgive us. Help us to trust in the gifts You have given to us and to trust in Your guidance in using them. Forgive us when we are fearful, stubborn, apathetic, indifferent to the needs around us. Give us hearts for serving You all our days. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Take a few moments to offer your own silent confession.

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

Rejoice and be glad. God's love is for us all. Nothing will separate us from the love of God. Christ Jesus, our Savior, lifts us again, and cleanses us from all our failings. We will rejoice and be bold in proclaiming God's love for all the world because we know that love has been given to us and is given freely to all.

Through the mercy of God and grace of Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven and set free. Thanks be to God. 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 5:1-11

^{5:1} Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Special music: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Becky Frize

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken;
the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

(refrain)

Jesus lives again;
earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around:
loaves abound!

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Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *(refrain)*

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God [Immanuel] everywhere! *(refrain)*

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Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." ²¹ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." ²³ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter

into the joy of your master.”²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” ²⁶But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Message: “Choosing to Be Faithful with what God Gives to Us “

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 #377 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

(refrain)

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness,

shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *(refrain)*

I’m looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

we shall know the joy of Jesus. *(refrain)*

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Benediction