

The Order of Worship

(We will follow the Common Service which is also printed on page 15 in the front section of the Hymnal)

Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" *Christian Worship 84*

The Invocation

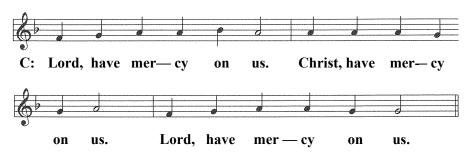
P: In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.



The Confession of Sins

P: Dearly loved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness;

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



Absolution

God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,



God the Fa- ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al—so with you.

P: O gracious Lord, your desire is to have your good news proclaimed. To this end you have raised up prophets, evangelists, and apostles. You have also committed us to the same privilege and responsibility. Send us your Holy Spirit that we can speak with boldness and confidence. Remind us that every enemy to your Word has been overcome by your power. Renew and refresh us daily with the assurance you are always in control, and will keep us safe as we serve you now, and as we praise you in heaven. There we will rejoice to see what your Word has accomplished. There we will with join with the countless host of the redeemed to praise you—Father, Son, and Spirit—throughout endless ages.



The Lessons from God's Word

"You are my portion, O LORD, I have promised to obey your words."

Old Testament

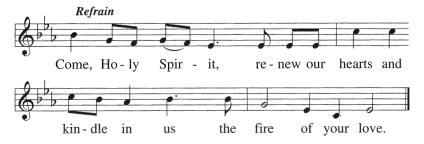
Isaiah 61:1-6

¹The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the afflicted. He sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release for those who are bound, ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance for our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³to provide for those who mourn in Zion, to give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, a cloak of praise instead of a faint spirit, so that they will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD to display his beauty.

⁴Then they will rebuild ancient ruins. They will raise up what was formerly devastated, and they will renew ruined cities, which have been devastated for generations. ⁵Strangers will stand and shepherd your flock, and foreigners will be your farmers and vinedressers. ⁶You will be called the LORD's priests. You will be named ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of nations, and you will boast about their riches.

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 51b





O LORD, open | my lips, * and my mouth will de- | clare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would | bring it; * you do not take pleasure in burnt | offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit; * a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure | heart, O God, * and renew a steadfast spirit with- | in me.

Do not cast me from your | presence, * or take your Holy Spirit | from me.

Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation; * and grant me a willing spirit to sus- | tain me.

Then I will teach transgressors | your ways, * and sinners will turn | back to you.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son, * and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning, * is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

Epistle *Acts 4:23–31*

After Peter and John were released, they went to their own friends and reported everything the high priests and the elders had said. ²⁴When they heard this, with one mind they raised their

voices to God and said, "Master, you are the God who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵By the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David, your servant, you said:

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

26The kings of the earth take their stand,
and the rulers are gathered together against the Lord
and against his Anointed One.

²⁷"For certainly, in this city both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and people of Israel, were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸They did whatever your hand and your plan had decided beforehand should happen.

²⁹"Now Lord, look at their threats and give to your servants the ability to keep on speaking your word with all boldness ³⁰as you stretch out your hand to heal and as signs and wonders take place through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

³¹After they prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken. Also, everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Verse of the Day

P: I will bless the LORD at all times. His praise will always be in my mouth. In the LORD my soul will boast. The humble will hear and rejoice. Proclaim the greatness of the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. Taste and see that the LORD is good. Blessed is everyone who takes refuge in him. Come, children, listen to me. I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Alleluia!



Gospel

P: The Gospel is recorded in the fourth chapter of Luke, reading from the sixteenth verse.



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As was his custom, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. ¹⁷The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord is on me,

because he anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,

to set free those who are oppressed,

¹⁹ and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

²⁰He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹He began to tell them, "Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

²²They all spoke well of him and were impressed by the words of grace that came from his mouth. And they kept saying, "Isn't this Joseph's son?"

²³He told them, "Certainly you will quote this proverb to me, 'Physician, heal yourself!' Do here in your hometown everything we heard you did in Capernaum." ²⁴And he said, "Amen I tell you: No prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵But truly I tell you: There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut for three years and six months, while a great famine came over all the land. ²⁶Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow of Zarephath, in Sidon. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was healed except Naaman the Syrian."

²⁸All those who were in the synagogue were filled with rage

when they heard these things. ²⁹They got up and drove him out of the town. They led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the middle of them and went on his way.

P: This is the Word of our God!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

(we unite in the words of the Nicene Creed)

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

Hymn of the Day

"Preach You the Word" Christian Worship 544

Sermon *Acts 4:23-31*

"Speak the Word with Boldness!"

- I. Every enemy will be overcome
- II. The Lord always remains in control





tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A-men.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

Prayer for the Lord's Blessing

Special Requests and Prayers Prayer for those receiving the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Prayer: (spoken with the pastor)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

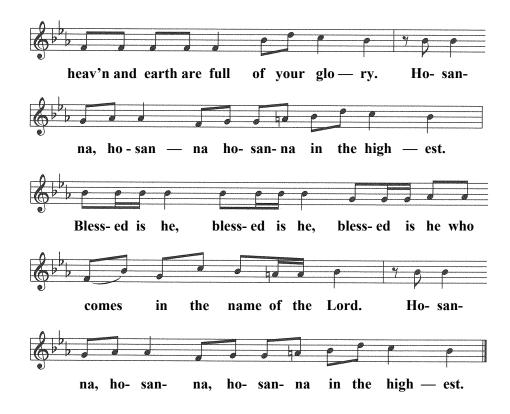
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took upon himself the form of a servant, who lived among us as our Substitute and Brother, who revealed his glory as only the Son of God, who came full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song.





Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.





The Congregation may be seated for the Distribution

Please come forward at the direction of the pastor, allowing sufficient space between you and the next person. He will place the bread in your hand, then the cup. After drinking, please place the cup in the tray on the far side of the altar, and return to your seat going along the east wall. The closing blessing will be given after all have received the Sacrament.

The Blessing

P: Now may this, the true body and true blood of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, make and keep you strong in your faith unto eternal life. Go in peace, all your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Thanksgiving

Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittus

(the congregation will rise and sing)



C: Lord, now you let you servant de- part in peace ac- cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

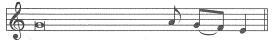


pared be — fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen-tiles and the glo — ry of your peo- ple Is — ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

P: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God's Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A—men. A—men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

"Rise, Shine, You People" Christian Worship 556

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today - Welcome in our gracious Savior's Name! May the blessing and peace which we receive through God's faithful promise, as well as the fulfillment of that promise in Jesus Christ, fill your lives with confidence, courage and joy. If you are visiting this morning, please sign a guest card or the guest book. Come and worship again, soon!

Monday-Tuesday—Pastor Proeber will be in Thousand Oaks for the California Pastoral Conference. You can reach him by his cell phone.

Wednesday—Bible Class continues at 7:00 pm. This evening's study will focus on the calling procedure as practiced by our Synod. We will consider what the calling meeting is like, what the qualifications and abilities are required, and what is the role of the District President in the process.

Friday—Office hours: 10:30—2:30 pm

Saturday—Clean: Scheffler

• Lawn—Beginning January 23rd: Todd

Sunday, January 30th—In-person Worship and Live-streaming at 9:30 am. There were many demands and expectations placed on Jesus. People wanted him to heal the sick. They wanted him to feed the hungry. They even wanted him to cast out demons. While Jesus did many of these things according to the prophecies, his purpose for coming to this earth was clear—to preach the Gospel to people who needed to hear the good news of sins forgiven and eternal life in heaven. Truly we are blessed because Jesus was not distracted, but singularly accomplished his Father's will for our blessing.

Christian Education will follow service this service. The
Epistle lesson for the day will be considered. With these
familiar words, Paul exhorts Timothy to continue in what he
has learned, and to rely on the Scriptures for everything they
can accomplish.

Thank You

To Al Todd for playing Hymnsoft; to Josh Schueler for controlling the streaming; and to Karolyn Hann for placing flowers on the altar—to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for his many blessings.



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