

The Order of Worship

Pre-service Music Welcome

Opening Hymn:

"God Himself is Present" Christian Worship 224

The Invocation

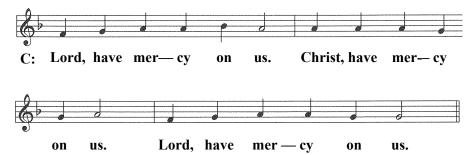
P: In the name of the Triune God—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.



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.



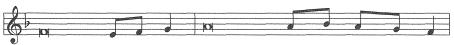
Absolution

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 and gentle Shepherd, we know we will have to endure difficult and challenging times. Without your counsel and aid, these could lead us to question your goodness, and even reject your direction and control. Guide us by your Holy Spirit. Renew us by your promises. Strengthen us by your saving work. Through these precious means you comfort and sustain us. You also refresh us to meet each days' challenges. O Lord, remind us your undeserved love. Remind us also that you can work through challenges to refine our faith and increase our reliance on you. Keep us in your care until you bring us safely through this vale of tears to yourself in heaven. There we will praise you as our true, gracious, and ever-faithful God—Father, Son, and Spirit.



The Lessons from God's Word

"Throughout this life the Lord deserves our praise!"

Old Testament Job 1:13-22

¹³One day when Job's sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their oldest brother, ¹⁴a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the female donkeys were grazing nearby, ¹⁵when the Sabeans swooped down and took them away. They put the servants to death with the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁶While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, "The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up the flocks and the servants and consumed them, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁷While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and plundered the camels and took them away. They put the servants to death with the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁸While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and were drinking wine in the house of their oldest brother. ¹⁹Suddenly a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it collapsed on the young people, and they died, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

²⁰Then Job stood up, tore his robe, and shaved his head. He fell to the ground and worshipped. ²¹Then he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will return. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. May the name of the LORD be blessed."

²²In all this, Job did not sin or blame God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 62

Romans 5:1-11



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.



My soul finds rest in | God alone; * my salvation | comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my sal- | vation; * he is my fortress, I will never be | shaken.

Find rest, O my soul, in | God alone; * my hope | comes from him.

Refrain

Though your rich- | es increase, * do not set your | heart on them.

My salvation and my honor de- | pend on God; * he is my mighty rock, my | refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O | people; * pour out your hearts to him, for God is our | refuge.

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

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace

with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

³Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, ⁴and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. ⁵And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

⁶For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. ¹⁰For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. ¹¹And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

Verse of the Day

P: Dear friends, do no be surprised by the fiery trial that is happening among you to test you, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead rejoice whenever you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

If you suffer for being a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God in connection with this name . . Let those who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls to their faithful Creator while doing what is good.

C: Congregation responds



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

The Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel is recorded in the eighth chapter of Mark, reading from the thirty-first verse.



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

³¹Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things; be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the experts in the law; be killed; and after three days rise again. ³²He was speaking plainly to them. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But after turning around and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! You do not have your mind set on the things of God, but the things of men."

³⁴He called the crowd and his disciples together and said to them, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶After all, what good is it for a man to gain the whole world and yet forfeit his soul? ³⁷Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸In fact, whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: This is the Word of our God; our strength in weakness, our comfort in despair, our confidence for life.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

(we will unite in the words of the Apostles Creed)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church—the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day "All Praise to God Who Reigns Above" Christian Worship 236

Sermon *Job 1:13-22*

"May the Name of the Lord be Blessed!"

In times of prosperity
In times of loss

"Create in Me"

Psalm 51

C: Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-





way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho—ly Spir — it



from me. Re-store un—to me the joy of your sal—va —



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

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks

Prayer for the Day

Special Prayers and Requests

The Lord's Prayer

(spoken by the congregation and 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!

Closing Prayer

P: O Lord and Almighty God, you invite us to praise your holy name. You also give us every reason to do it. Sadly, we look at the struggles, the challenges, and the difficulties of our life, and we quickly conclude, you must not love us. We may also be tempted to believe you are punishing us. Correct our lack of understanding, as well as our impure thoughts which doubt your compassionate care. Replace these with an unshakable confidence in your every word and promise. Comfort us in our distress. Strengthen us in our weakness. Renew us by your Spirit through the Gospel. Work powerfully in our lives so we can rejoice in your blessed, holy, and gracious name—Father, Son, and Spirit—the God who loves us, rescues us, and call us by name.



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 upon 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

"From Al that Dwell below the Skies" *Christian Worship 250*

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—Welcome in Name of our ever gracious and ever compassionate God! May the undeserved love our God has shown us through Jesus lead us to praise him, and serve him throughout this life as we wait to join him in his eternal home in glory

- If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book or a visitor card. Come back and worship with us again, soon.
- Following the worship service there will be time for some snacks, a cup of coffee, and the gift of fellowship in the Lord.
- Christian Education will follow the service. We will complete the lesson on Elijah from two weeks ago. If you do not have your notes, extras are available.
- **Pizza and a Movie**—This evenings fellowship will begin at 5:30 pm with pizza, salads, and soft drinks. The movie on John Wycliffe will begin around 6:30 pm. After the movie there will be discussion and desserts. All are welcome!

Monday—Handbell Choir practice at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday—Mid-Week Lenten Worship at 7:00 pm. We continue with the series— "The Misery of Mankind and the Mercy of Jesus." This evening we hear how the "paradise," which was lost through rebellion, is regained through the perfecting work of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Friday—Office Hours from 10:30 am—2:30 pm.

Saturday—Church Cleaning—Scheffler

• Mowing beginning March 3rd—J. Schroeder

Sunday, March 3rd—In person worship and live streaming at 9:30 am. When the Lord gave his commandments to the people of Israel, he introduced it by saying, "I AM the LORD, your God." He wanted the people to understand he meant what he said. The same applies today. We have not received God's suggestions, but his commandments.

- The Lord's Supper will be offered in this service. You may register to receive it today.
- Christian Education will follow the service.



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