



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Season of Lent

*15 March 2020*

The first three words of the Gospel: Guilt, Want, and Substitution. —Martin Luther

“Behold Your God!” is the most gracious command and the best gift of the Gospel. If we do not see Him and savor Him as our greatest fortune, we have not obeyed or believed the Gospel. —John Piper

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## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.*

### Gospel Invitation—from Romans 8:1

Hear now the Gospel: “There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

### Introit—What Wondrous Love Is This, Vs. 1

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,

For my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

Text: American Folk Hymn; Music: WONDROUS LOVE, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

## Call to Worship—from Psalm 144: 1-2; 9; 15

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, our rock.

All: **He is our steadfast love.**

Reader 1: The Lord is our fortress. He is our stronghold, our deliverer, and our shield.

Reader 2: In Him will we take refuge, for He subdues all men and all nations.

Reader 3: We will sing a new song to You, O God; for You give victory to Your chosen ones and You rescue Your servants from cruel oppression.

All: **Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall!**

Leader: Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!

## Hymn of Praise—Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the Sav - ior's name!  
Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,  
Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and point to mer - cy's store;  
Let us praise, and join the chor - us of the saints en - throned on high;

He has hushed the law's loud thun - der, He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame.  
Called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, jus - tice smiles and asks no more:  
Here they trust - ed Him be - fore us, now their prais - es fill the sky:

He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.  
He has washed us with His blood, He pre - sents our souls to God.  
He Who washed us with His blood has se - cured our way to God.  
"Thou hast washed us with Your blood; Thou art worth - y, Lamb of God!"

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Text: John Newton, 1774; Music: ALL SAINTS OLD, *Darmstadt Gesangbuch*, 1698.

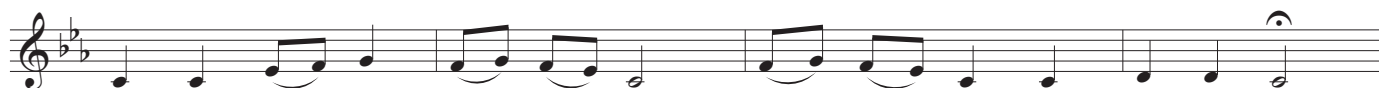
# GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

*The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the church's songbook.*

## Psalm of Praise—Hear Me, All You People (Psalm 49)



Hear me, all— you peo - ple hear, folk of— all the earth, give ear;  
When with wick - ed - ness— my foes shall sur - round me and op - pose,  
If from death one would be— free and cor - rup - tion ne - ver see,



All of high and low de - gree, rich and poor, give heed to me  
Should I then to fear give way when I— see the e - vil day?  
Cost - ly is— life's ran - som price, far— be - yond all sac - ri - fice.



Truth with all my heart I— seek, and— my mouth shall wis - dom speak;  
They that trust in trea - sured gold, though they boast of wealth un - told,  
If men be not tru - ly— wise, they— are like the beast that dies,



Lis - ten how with mu - sic's strain I— make hid - den wis - dom plain.  
None can bid— his bro - ther live; none to— God a ran - som give.  
Death their shep - herd, they the sheep; He— with - in his fold will keep.



If men be not tru - ly— wise, they are— like the beast that dies,



But my Lord my soul shall save; God will raise me from the grave.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2019;  
Music: ROSE HILL, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

## Scripture Reading—Galatians 5:1, 13-14, 16, 22-25

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, beloved. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." So, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Hymn of Praise—Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

A - las! and did my Sa - vior bleed, and did my Sov - ereign die! —  
Was it for crimes that I have done, He groaned up - on the tree? —  
Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut his glor - ies in, —  
Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while His dear cross ap - pears; —  
But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe; —

Would He de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
A - maz - ing pi - ty! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!  
When Christ, the migh - ty ma - ker, died for man the crea - ture's sin.  
Dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.  
Here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1824.

## Reading of the Word—Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>2</sup> Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.<sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,<sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,<sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.<sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup> but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.<sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.<sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.<sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Sung Response—Nothing But The Blood, Vs. 3

This is all my hope and peace, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;

This is all my right-eous - ness, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus

Oh! pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow; —

No oth - er fount I know, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a semicolon, the second with a comma, the third with a dash, and the fourth with a double bar line.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1876; Music: PLAINFIELD, Robert Lowry, 1876.

## Sermon—*Amazing Grace*

—Pastor, George Grant

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

*The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

### Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 80:2-3, 7, 14, 17-19

Pastor: O Lord, we come confessing. We poor sinners need Your mighty redeeming hand. Stir up Your might! Lord, come to save us!

All: **Restore us, O God of hosts!**

Pastor: Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this Your sinful people that we may be saved to live for the sake of Your glory.

All: **Let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand, the Son of Man whom You have made strong for Yourself!**

Pastor: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!

All: **Give us life that we may call upon Your name forevermore!**

*(Silent prayers of confession)*

## Sung Response—Lamb Of God

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O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. —



O Lamb of God, that takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. —



O Lamb of — God, that takes a - way the sins of the world,

*Slightly faster*

WOMEN



Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy, Grant us Thy peace,

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Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace, Grant us Thy peace.

Text: Traditional, based on John 1:29; Music: CLOVERCROFT AGNUS DEI, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

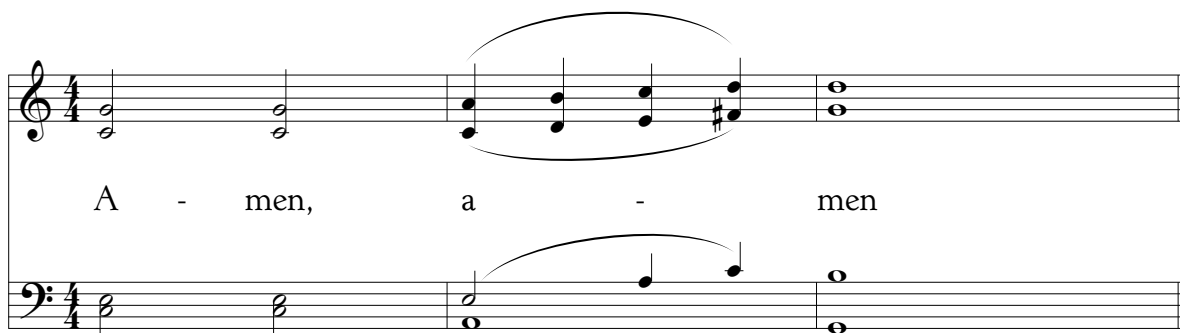
## Assurance of Pardon—2 Timothy 2:1; 8, 9, 11-12, 13; Mark 12:30

Be strengthened by the grace of the Lord. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in the Gospel. And remember that the Word of God is not bound! Therefore this saying is trustworthy: if we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him; and if we are faithless, He yet remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.

Pastor: This is the promise of God. This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Therefore, let us love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength.

## Sung Response—Amen



A - men, a - men

Text: Traditional; Music: DRESDEN, Johann Naumann, 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

# HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCHARISTO*

*As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.*

## Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;

The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth. —

WOMEN

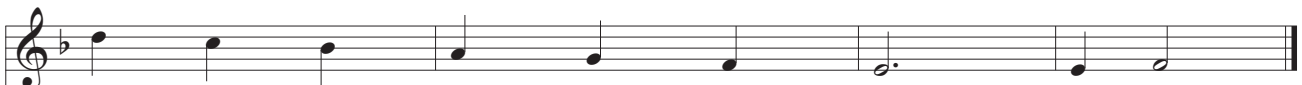


We praise You, we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,

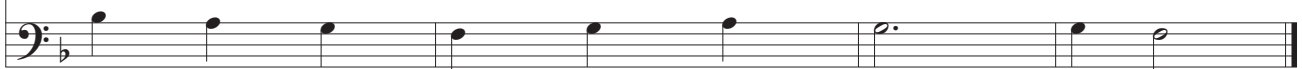
MEN



We praise You, we bless — You, we wor-ship You, we glo-ri-fy You,



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.



We give You thanks for Your great glo - ry.

Text: Traditional, based on Luke 2:14; Music: CLOVERCROFT GLORIA, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

*This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.*

### Hymn of Reflection—Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

Let Thy blood in mer - cy poured, let Thy gra - cious bod - y bro - ken,  
Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, Thou cam'st to save me:  
By the thorns that crowned Thy brow, by the spear wound and the nail - ing,  
Wilt Thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i - tence I give Thee;

Be to me, O gra - cious Lord, of Thy bound - less love the to - ken.  
All that love of God could give Je - sus by His sor - rows gave me.  
By the pain and death, I now claim, O Christ, Thy love un - fail - ing.  
Thou art my ex - alt - ed King, of Thy match - less love for - give me.

Thou didst give Thy - self for me, now I give my - self to Thee.

Text: Greek Hymn, Tr. John Brownlie, 1907: Music: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT, Johann Crüger, 1653.

### Hymn of Praise—In Christ Alone

In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, Full-ness of God in help - less babe!  
There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain;  
No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in me;

This cor - ner-stone, this so - lid ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
This gift of love and right-eous-ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a - gain!  
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - ti - ny.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease!  
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;  
And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His hand;

My com - fort-er, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
For ev' - ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.  
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the prec - ious blood of Christ.  
Till He re - turns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—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.

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.*

### Hymn of Praise—Amazing Grace!

A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;  
Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;  
The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His Word my hope se - cures;  
When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
He will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: NEW BRITAIN, Traditional American Melody,  
Columbian Harmony, 1829, Harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900.

# GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

## Benediction—based on Revelation 2:8-9

And now from Him who is the first and the last, who died and came to life, the Mighty One who saves us from tribulation and trouble: grace, peace, and joy both now and forevermore. *Amen.*

## Sung Response—Christ Be With Me (from St. Patrick's Breastplate)



Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,



Christ be - side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re - store me,



Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,



Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

Text: *Atomriug indui nuirt tren*, St. Patrick, 5th Century, Tr. Cecil Frances Alexander, 1889;  
Music: ST. PATRICK CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody.

## Announcements

## Worship Notes:

In this morning's sermon text, the Apostle Paul declares that "while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son" (Romans 5:10). We'll declare this truth right along with him when we sing, "Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies" (*Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder*). Because of Christ's atoning work on the cross, we who were still enemies "have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). The peace which we cry out for when we sing "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace" (*Lamb Of God*) is found in the blood of Jesus— "this is all our hope and peace" (*Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus*). Because of His death, we can sing confidently "what heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!" I pray that the Lord would fill us with His peace this morning. —Henry C. Haffner

**Key Words:** Justified, Access, Hope, Shame, Ungodly, Sinners, Enemies, Saved  
**Keystone Verse:** God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)



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