



PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

All Saints Sunday

5 November 2023

The sympathy of Christ is His power, and a perfection and strength of love in Him, surely, as the word "able" importeth; that is, sympathy makes Him thus able and powerful to take our miseries into His heart, though glorified, and so to be affected with them, as if He suffered with us. —Thomas Goodwin

O Scipio, it is worthy of you, as a man renowned for virtue, to spare a brave and honorable race and to extend to us terms dictated by humanity, which we will be able to bear... We appear pitiable even to our enemies. —Appian

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—Romans 5:8

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Sung Response—Come, Thou Almighty King, Vs. 1

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Come, Thou Al - might - y King, help us Thy name to sing, Help us to praise! Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous, Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!"

Text: Anonymous, 1757; Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1769.

Call to Worship—Psalm 68:4-6, 19-20

Pastor: Sing to God, sing praises to His name; His name is the Lord; exult before Him!

All: **Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation.**

Reader 1: God settles the solitary in a home; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity.

Reader 2: But the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

All: **Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.**

Pastor: Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

Congregational Psalm—O Lord Most High (Psalm 9)



O Lord most high, with all my heart, Your great works I will pro - claim;
The Lord, the ev - er - last - ing King, seat - ed on His judg - ment throne;
Je - ho - vah will a re - fuge prove, re - fuge strong for all op - pressed,
All they, O Lord, that know Your name, place their trust in the Word of truth,



I will be glad and give You thanks and sing the prais - es of Your name.
The right - eous judge of all the world will make His per - fect jus - tice known.
A safe de - fense, where wear - y souls in troub - led times may sure - ly rest.
For You have ne - ver turned a - way from those who tru - ly seek for You.



Hope of the poor, to You we cry! A - rise, O Lord, de - fend the weak!



Sing Praise to the Lord en - throned on High! De - clare to all His might - y deeds!

Text: from Psalm 9:1-2, 7-11, 18-19, *The Psalter*, 1912;
Music: Nathan George, 2013.

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.

Congregational Psalm—The Lord Ever Hear You (Psalm 20)



The Lord ev - er hear you when trou - bles are near;
May He all the gifts of your love keep in mind,
For joy in sal - va - tion we'll shout to His praise:
Some trust in their char - iots pre - pared for the fray,
Our foes are bowed down and are fal - len at length,



The name of our God keep you safe from all fear.
And all of your off' - rings ac - cep - ta - ble find;
In God's ho - ly name all our ban - ners we'll raise.
And some in their hor - ses the foe to dis - may,
While we have a - ris - en and stand in Your strength.



The Lord send you help; from His tem - ple pro - claim
May He ev - er grant you the wish of your heart,
The Lord who has saved be your con - fi - dence still,
But we will make men - tion of one on - ly name;
O, Lord save the king! For You rule o - ver all;



That He'll out of Zi - on your weak - ness sus - tain.
Ful - fill all your yearn - ing, and wis - dom im - part.
And all your pe - ti - tions in mer - cy ful - fill.
The Lord God al - migh - ty, we'll ev - er ac - claim.
Give bless - ing and an - swer when - ev - er we call!

Text: Edward Collier, *Lyrics from the Psalter*, 1907, alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2021;
Music: STAR POINTER, Henry C. Haffner, 2021.

Scripture Reading—Matthew 26:36-41

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then He said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with Me.” And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And He said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn—Fountain Of Never Ceasing Grace



Foun - tain of nev - er ceas - ing grace, Thy saints' ex - haust - less theme,
Whom Heaven's an - ge - lic host a - dores, was slaugh - tered for our sin;
In Him we have a right - eous - ness, by God Him - self ap - proved;
Our souls His watch - ful love re - trieves, nor lets them go a - stray,



Great ob - ject of im - mor - tal praise, es - sen - tial - ly su - preme;
The guilt, O Lord was whol - ly ours, the pun - ish - ment was Thine:
Our rock, our sure foun - da - tion this, which nev - er can be moved.
His right - eous - ness to us He gives, and takes our sins a - way:



We bless Thee for the glor - ious fruits Thine in - car - na - tion gives;
Our God in flesh, to set us free, was man - i - fest - ed here;
Our ran - som by His death He paid, for all His peo - ple giv'n,
We claim sal - va - tion in His right, a - dop - ted and for - giv'n,



The right - eous - ness which grace im - putes, and faith a - lone re - ceives.
And meek - ly bare our sins, that we His right - eous - ness might wear.
The law He per - fect - ly o - beyed, that they might en - ter Heav'n.
His mer - it is our robe of light, His death the gate of Heav'n.

Text: Augustus Toplady, 1774; Music: KINGSFOLD, Old English Folk Song,
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

Reading of the Word—Hebrews 5:1-14

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³ Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him, “You are My Son, today I have begotten You”; ⁶ as He says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷ In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. ⁸ Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

¹¹ About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³ for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—Speak, O Lord, Vs. 1



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness,

That the light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.

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Sermon—*The Suffering Son is our High Priest*

—Pastor, James Campton

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 James 1:21-25

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You have commanded us to put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save our souls.

All: **But we have not been doers of the word, but hearers only, deceiving ourselves.**

Pastor: As hearers of the word and not doers, we are like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

All: **The one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.**

Assurance of Pardon—Galatians 2:16; Titus 2:11-14

We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Pastor: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.

All: **And so we await our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.**

Sung Response—Come Ye Disconsolate, Vs. 1

Come, ye dis - con - so-late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
Earth has no sor - row that Heav-en can - not heal.

HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCCHARISTO*

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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y,
Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy glor - y, glor - y—be un - to— Thee,
O Lord most high, O Lord most high, O Lord most high, A - men.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8; Music: Nathan George, 2013.

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.

Congregational Hymn—Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted



Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see Him dy - ing on the tree!
Tell me, ye who hear Him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like His?
Ye who think of sin but light - ly, nor sup - pose the e - vil great,
Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the re - fuge of the lost.

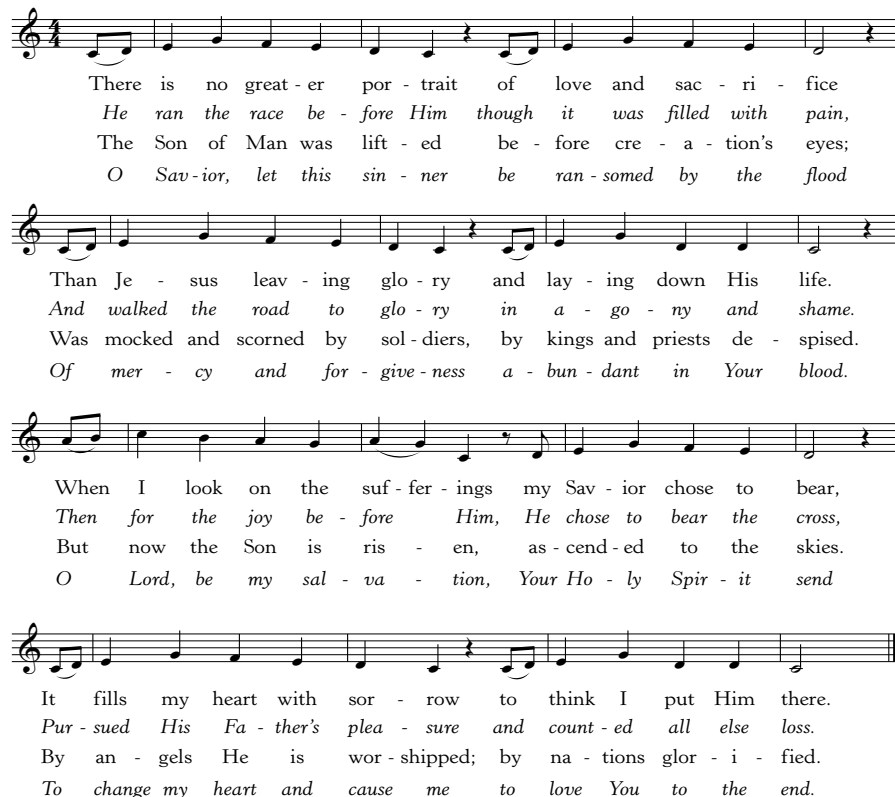
'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing His dis - tress:
Here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
Christ the Rock of our sal - va - tion, His the name of which we boast.

'Tis the long ex - pect - ed proph - et, Dav - id's son, yet Dav - id's Lord;
Man - y hands were raised to wound Him, none would in - ter - pose to save;
Mark the Sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed! See Who bears the aw - ful load!
Lamb of God for sin - ners wound - ed! Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!

By His Son God now has spok - en: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.
But the deep - est stroke that pierced Him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
'Tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man, and Son of God.
None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on Him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1804; Music: O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN, *Geistliche Volkslieder*, 1850.

Congregational Hymn—There Is No Greater Portrait



There is no great - er por - trait of love and sac - ri - fice
He ran the race be - fore Him though it was filled with pain,
The Son of Man was lift - ed be - fore cre - a - tion's eyes;
O Sav - ior, let this sin - ner be ran - somed by the flood

Than Je - sus leav - ing glo - ry and lay - ing down His life.
And walked the road to glo - ry in a - go - ny and shame.
Was mocked and scorned by sol - diers, by kings and priests de - spised.
Of mer - cy and for - give - ness a - bun - dant in Your blood.

When I look on the suf - fer - ings my Sav - ior chose to bear,
Then for the joy be - fore Him, He chose to bear the cross,
But now the Son is ris - en, as - cend - ed to the skies.
O Lord, be my sal - va - tion, Your Ho - ly Spir - it send

It fills my heart with sor - row to think I put Him there.
Pur - sued His Fa - ther's plea - sure and count - ed all else loss.
By an - gels He is wor - shipped; by na - tions glor - i - fied.
To change my heart and cause me to love You to the end.

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.

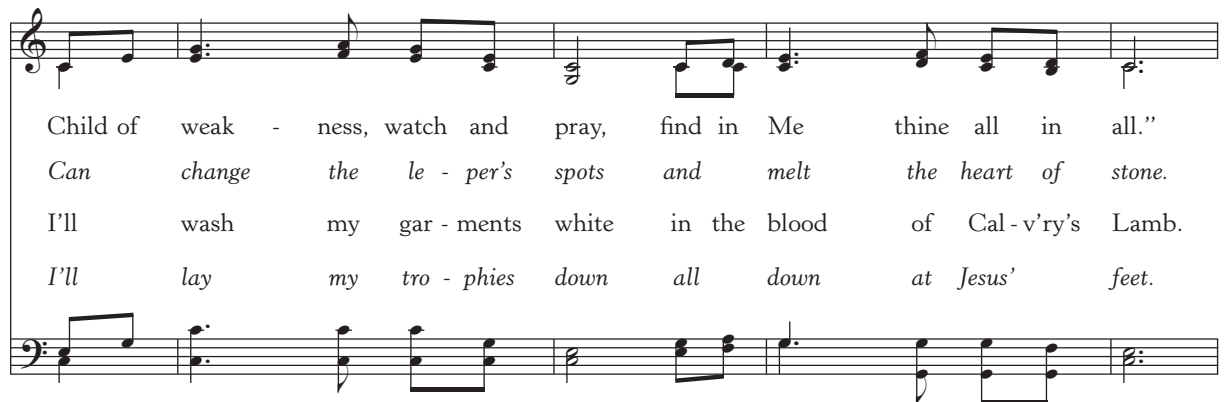
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

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.*

Congregational Hymn—Jesus Paid It All



I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small;
Lord, now in - deed I find Thy power and Thine a - lone,
For noth - ing good have I where - by Thy grace to claim,
And when be - fore the throne I stand in Him com - plete,

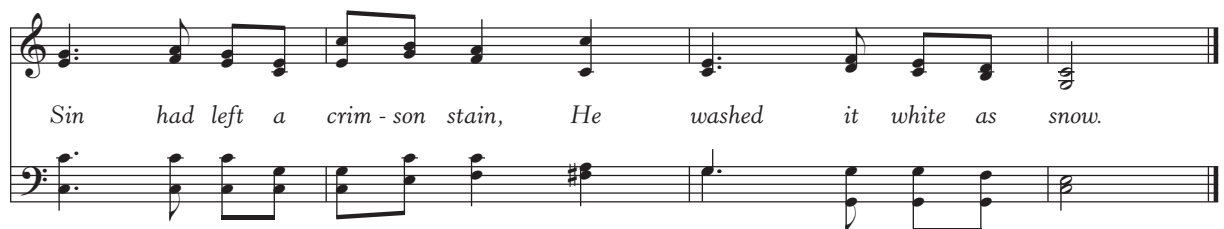


Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."
Can change the le - per's spots and melt the heart of stone.
I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
I'll lay my tro - phies down all down at Jesus' feet.

Refrain



Je - sus paid it all, all to Him I owe;



Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

Text: Elvina M. Hall, 1865; Music: ALL TO CHRIST, John T. Grape, 1865.

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—Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

Sung Response—Gloria Patri

Glor - y be__ to the Fath - er, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is__ now, and ev - er shall be,

World__ with - out end. A - men. A - - - men.

Text: Lesser Doxology, 2nd century;
Music: Nathan George, 2015, harm. Henry C. Haffner, 2015.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

Hebrews chapter 5 highlights our own great weakness (even the high priest in ancient Israel was “beset with weakness” and had to make sacrifices for his sin) and Jesus’ willingness to suffer for our sins. These two themes—our weakness, and His suffering on our behalf—can be found throughout the service. We open with a declaration that the Lord bears up the fatherless, the widow, the solitary, and the prisoner (Psalm 68). We respond by crying out for the Lord to “defend the weak” (*O Lord Most High—Psalm 9*) and to send help that would sustain us despite our weakness (*The Lord Ever Hear You—Psalm 20*). The Scripture reading presents a portrait of Jesus suffering in prayer while His disciples display their own frailty (Matthew 26), and hymns throughout the service confront us with the reality of Jesus being “slaughtered for our sin” (*Fountain Of Never Ceasing Grace*) and ask us to “look on the sufferings our Savior chose to bear” (*There Is No Greater Portrait*). In the closing hymn of the morning, *Jesus Paid It All*, these dual themes come together. In it, we describe ourselves as “child[ren] of weakness,” covered in “crimson stain[s],” and yet we also rejoice that Calvary’s Lamb has “washed us white as snow” by shedding His own blood. —Henry C. Haffner

Key words: High Priest, Weakness, Called, Son, Obedience, Suffering, Mature

Keystone verse: Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him. (Hebrews 5:8-9)



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