

## A SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT

June 16, 2024

The Prelude

The Welcome & Announcements

The Silent Preparation

### -THE LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP-

#### Salutation

2 Thessalonians 1:2

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Call to Worship

Philippians 4:4

#### Hymn #379

*Come, Christians Join to Sing*

1. Come, Christians, join to sing

Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King;

Alleluia! Amen!

let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high,

Alleluia! Amen!

let praises fill the sky;

Alleluia! Amen!

he is our Guide and Friend;

to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end.

Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again,

Alleluia! Amen!

life shall not end the strain;

Alleluia! Amen!

on heaven's blissful shore,

his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore,

"Alleluia! Amen!"

#### Invocation & Prayer of Praise

Unison:

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. You made the heavens and earth by your great power and your outstretched arm. Your invisible attributes, your eternal power and divine nature are clearly seen through what you have made. The heavens declare your glory!**

**You are the governor and sustainer of all things. In you, all things hold together. In you we live and move and have our being. You give to all life and breath and all things. You work all things after the counsel of your own will. You have numbered even the hairs upon our heads, not even a sparrow falls from a tree apart from your will. We praise you, our God, for these your great works of creation and providence.**

**You are also our redeemer God. There is no other God besides you, no other Savior, no other Rock to whom the ends of the earth may turn and be saved. We rejoice that you so loved the world that you gave your only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to**

be the Savior of the world; and your Spirit to abide with us and in us and to teach us all things.

We thank you for the fellowship we have with you, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## -THE LORD ASSURES US OF HIS FORGIVENESS-

### Call to Confession

2 Chronicles 6:18-21

<sup>18</sup>“But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built! <sup>19</sup>Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you, <sup>20</sup>that your eyes may be open day and night toward this house, the place where you have promised to set your name, that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. <sup>21</sup> And listen to the pleas of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen from heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

### Confession of Sin

- ❖ Silent Prayers of Confession
- ❖ General Prayer of Confession

Unison:

Holy God, Lord most gracious! Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath! Holy you are, and we cannot stand in your presence. Yet you have called us to come to you. We feel unworthy, for we have failed you again and again. We feel like running away, yet you keep calling us. Have mercy on us, O God. Have mercy!

Holy God, Father most gracious! Rebuke us not in your anger, nor chasten us in your wrath! Heal us from our sin, for we are troubled. Deliver us for the sake of your steadfast love. Our sins trouble us, O God. We are troubled by how they have hurt others. We are troubled by how they have hurt us. Your ways are right! O righteous God! And whenever we have refused to follow them we have found out how right they are. Have mercy on us, O God. Have mercy!

Holy God, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Have mercy on us for the sake of your Son, who died to free us from our sins. To you be honor and glory! Amen.

(based on Psalm 6, Confession and Supplication 1 from *Leading in Prayer* by H. O. Old)

### Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:4-6

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

### Hymn #393

*Spirit of God, Dwell Thou within My Heart*

1. Spirit of God, dwell thou within my heart;  
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;  
but take the dimness of my soul away.

3. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King?  
All, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength and mind.  
I see thy cross—there teach my heart to cling:  
O let me seek thee, and O let me find.
4. Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;  
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
5. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame;  
the baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove,  
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

### **Prayer of the Church**

1 Peter 5:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

## **-THE LORD INSTRUCTS US FROM HIS WORD-**

### **Old Testament Reading**

Ezekiel 36:22-32

### **New Testament Reading**

Galatians 5:13-26

### **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Michael J. Matossian

*A Proxy War and the Third Way*

Galatians 5:16-26

### **Hymn #501**

*Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let me seek  
your erring children lost and lone.
2. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
the precious things you do impart;  
and wing my words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.
3. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
the wandering and the wavering feet;  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
the hungering ones with manna sweet.
4. O fill me with your fullness, Lord,  
until my very heart o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word  
your love to tell, your praise to show.
5. O use me, Lord, use even me,  
just as you will, and when and where;

until your blessed face I see,  
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

## **-THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS TABLE-**

### **Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed**

Unison:

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,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He 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 catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

- ❖ Words of Institution
- ❖ Breaking of the Bread
- ❖ Sharing of the Cup

## **-THE LORD DISMISSES US TO HIS SERVICE-**

### **Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

<sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### **Doxology**

*Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God (#11, Trinity Hymnal, 1990)*

1. Now blessed be the Lord our God,  
the God of Israel,  
for he alone does wondrous works  
in glory that excel.
2. And blessed be his glorious name  
to all eternity;  
the whole earth let his glory fill.  
Amen, so let it be.