

The Lord's Service

March 8, 2020

**Standing together is our ordinary practice,
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Prelude

Evangeline Wykoff

Martyrdom: Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

C. Hubert H. Parry

*Song of Praise and Greeting *Now Unto the King Eternal*

Now unto the King eternal, unto the King immortal,
Unto the King invisible, the only wise God, the only wise God.
(repeat)

Oh, unto the King be glory and honor, unto the King forever.
Unto the King be glory and honor forever and ever!

Amen. Amen.

(1993 Far Lane Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet God in worship.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 104.31-33

LEADER: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

PEOPLE: **May the Lord rejoice in his works,**

LEADER: Who looks on the earth and it trembles,

PEOPLE: **Who touches the mountains and they
smoke!**

LEADER: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

PEOPLE: **I will sing praise to my God while I have
being.**

*Hymn

No. 30

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Invocation

Elder Danny Grant

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Isaiah 1.16-17

LEADER: Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;

PEOPLE: **Remove the evil of your deeds from before
my eyes; cease to do evil,**

LEADER: Learn to do good; seek justice, correct
oppression;

PEOPLE: **Bring justice to the fatherless, plead the
widow's cause.**

*Whether seated or kneeling,
let us approach the Lord together with a posture of reverence.*

Call to Worship

We are called into worship by God Himself. He sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ.

Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will.

Call to Confession

As we see God in His invitation and our praise, we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. God's Holy Scripture has the authority to reveal us to ourselves and transition our hearts to confession.

**Corporate
Confession of Sin**

We sin in thought, word,
and deed every week. Our
prayer includes time not
only for individual silent
confession, but also
confession that unites our
voices as a body of people
equally and desperately in
need of God's grace.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Heavenly Father,
You have loved us with an everlasting love,
But we have often gone our own way
and rejected Your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of Your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By Your Holy Spirit
enable us to live for You
and to please You in every way,
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Choral Meditation** *I Have Longed For Thy Saving Health*

I have longed for Thy saving health, O Lord;
Thy law is my delight, O Lord.
O, let my soul live,
And it shall praise Thee, and Thy judgements shall help me.
(William Byrd, Public Domain)

Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture
reminds us not only of who
we are as sinners, but also
assures us of who we are as
Christians united to Jesus in
His death and resurrection.

Assurance of Pardon

Philippians 2.8-11

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“And being found in human form, he
humbled himself by becoming obedient to the
point of death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him and
bestowed on him the name that is above
every name, so that at the name of Jesus every
knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and
under the earth, and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God
the Father.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder John Wykoff

Jeremiah 32.36-41 (p. 661)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

Open Thou Mine Eyes

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see;
Incline my heart and I shall desire;
Order my steps and I shall walk
In the ways of Thy commandments.

O Lord God, be Thou to me a God
And beside Thee let there be non else,
No other, naught else with Thee.

Vouchsafe to me to worship Thee and serve Thee
According to Thy commandments
In truth of spirit, in reverence of body,
In blessings of lips,
In private and in public.

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see;
Incline my heart and I shall desire;
Order my steps and I shall walk
In the ways of Thy commandments.

(Rutter, 1980 Hinshaw Music)

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. This lesson, or reading, helps prepare us for the Scripture lesson that will be preached from later.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The tithe is our regular, worshipful setting apart of a portion of our resources for the purpose of God, while an offering is an additional portion we return to God for His glory. Both are a display of our joyful dependence upon God rather than our money.

Doxology

A *doxology* is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory. The *Gloria Patri* is another example of a doxology.

*Doxology

No. 732

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Prayer of the Church

We share in our health and sickness, happiness and sorrow, assurance and doubt, as we bring our prayers to God, together. Holy Scripture commands pastors to pray with and for God's people, not just in corporate worship, but privately, as well.

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service, but this lesson, or reading, prepares us for the sermon text.

Sermon

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Holy Scripture by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

*Hymn

No. 469

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

Scripture Lesson

Romans 14.13-23 (p. 949)

Sermon

Pastor Hill

CHRIST'S WORK AND OUR OPINIONS

*Hymn

No. 347

The Church's One Foundation

*Confession of Faith (in unison) 2 Timothy 2.11b-13

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.**

Confession of Faith

By confessing our faith together using statements believed by Christians over the ages, we join in the sweep of Christian history even as we await the return of Jesus.

*Gloria Patri No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

God Commissions Us

*Benediction Pastor Hill

Postlude Evangeline Wykoff

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee - J.S. Bach

Benediction

Just as God calls us to worship at the beginning of the service with Holy Scripture, He sends us into our week with a Holy Scripture reminder (*a good word*) of the blessing of Christ, by God's grace, through the indwelling Spirit.