

ALL SAINTS

PRESBYTERIAN

O God, in your Son Jesus Christ you richly bless us with all that we need, bread from the earth and the bread of heaven, which gives life to the world. Grant us one thing more: grateful hearts to sing your praise, in this world and the world to come.

Sunday Schedule

9:00 Christian Formation

10:00 Worship

Nursery for Ages 0-5 and Mother's Room: We have a safe and fun nursery located at the end of the hall in the Veritas Cafe. Please follow the signs. We use a Kid Check program for security.

Video: There is a video feed of the worship live-streamed to the Conference Room at the end of the hallway for anyone who needs to step out of the service.

Psalm 93

Psalm 93 is a hymn of praise for divine kingship, that is, God's kingly rule over creation. The idea of God as universal king is of course rooted in the creation account; he created everything and governs it in wisdom.

The New Testament expression "kingdom of God" focuses on the way God is breaking into a world lost in sin, through his Son, Jesus Christ, to bring about a new Exodus from captivity of sin to freedom, liberty, and joy for all people.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 25, 2018 | Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Call to Worship and Prayer

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the Lord on high is mighty!

Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore.

Let's pray:

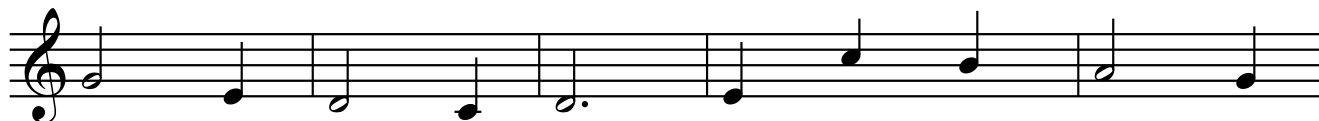
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

JAMES MONTGOMERY BOICE, 1999



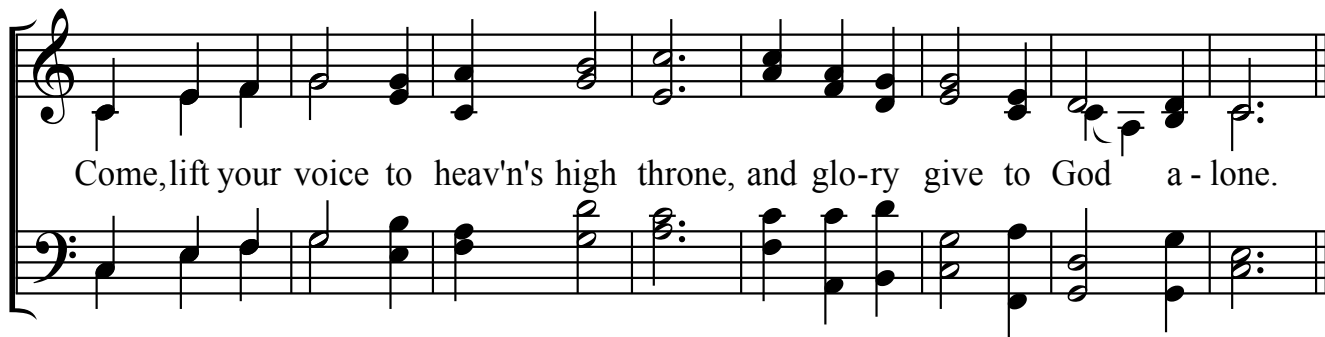
1. Give praise to God who reigns a - bove for per - fect
2. No one can coun - sel God all - wise or truths un -
3. No - thing ex - ists that God might need for all things
4. Cre - a - tion, life, sal - va - tion too, and all things



know - ledge, wis - dom, love; his judg - ments are di -
veil to his sharp eyes; he marks our paths be -
good from him pro - ceed. We praise him as our
else both good and true, come from and through our



vine, de - vout, his paths be - yond all tra - cing out.
hind, be - fore; he is our stead - fast Coun - sel - or.
Lord, and yet we nev - er place God in our debt.
God al - ways, and fill our hearts with grate - ful praise.



Come, lift your voice to heav'n's high throne, and glo-ry give to God a - lone.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Scripture

Ephesians 3:14-19

Children's voices in worship are a declaration to our enemy that God's victory is sure! Psalm 8 declares that, "Through the praise of children and infants the LORD has established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger."

Paul's prayer here in Ephesians 3 is our prayer for each other, all other Christians, and reflects our deep desire that all people would come to know the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

O GOD, WE KNEEL BEFORE YOUR THRONE

RUTH VAN BAAK GRIFFIOEN, 2002



1. O___ God, we kneel be - fore your throne to___
2. O___ Christ, we bow in faith to pray, come___
3. O___ Spir - it, grace us with your pow'r so___
4. Now to the One who can do more than___



hon - or you whose name is known to___ all your fam -'ly
live___ with - in our hearts to - day, and___ fill us till we
that___ our weak - ened faith may flow'r; come breathe your sa - cred
we___ could dream of ask - ing for, e - ter - nal glo - ry



by your love on___ earth___ be - low and heav'n a - bove.
o - ver - flow with love___ sur - pass - ing all we know.
har - mo - ny that___ we___ with all your saints may see
to our King as___ gen - er - a - tions rise to sing:

How wide, how long, how high, how deep___ is the love of Christ!

Confession of Sin

Confession

Jesus' words here are purposefully general: "has *something* against you." He doesn't say (in this text at least), "if *you* have something *against someone else*," but if the offended party has something *against you*. Jesus wants his disciples to live thoroughly reconciled lives.

It should be noted that Jesus emphasized reconciliation more than what was typical in his world. His words here are spoken in the context of the Golden Rule: love means fellowship, and fellowship requires reconciliation.

Finally, the exaggerated temple scenario, with its instruction to drop the sacrifice right there at the altar, illustrates the importance of living in reconciled relationships.

"If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to that person; then come and offer your gift."

Matthew 5:23-24

Our Father, as we prayed earlier, so we pray again:

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Acknowledging that we are all by nature guilty sinners, and that we could never repay the debt, we pray that you would by your grace:

Pardon all our transgressions and sins; grant us the assurance of your forgiveness; and enable us to forgive others fully, from our hearts.

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)

Almighty God, grant us the power to grasp, together with all of your holy people, the limitless dimensions of your love.

Shape our lives by gratitude and adoration in contrast to selfishness and pride. Give us courage and stamina, and with it a holy joy and a love for all that is holy.

Open our eyes to see Jesus: the cost that he bore, the grace that he pours out upon us, until we are ravished by his beauty, consumed by a heart full of adoration.

Assurance of Pardon

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

JESUS, THANK YOU

PAT SCZEBEL, 2003



1. The mys-t'ry of the cross I can - not com - pre - hend___
2. By your per - fect sac - ri-fice I've been brought near,___



The a - gon - ies___ of Cal - va - ry._____
your en - e - my___ you've made your friend. ___



You the per - fect ho - ly one___ crushed your Son___
Pour-ing out the rich - es of_ your glo - rious grace,___



who drank the bit - ter cup re - served for me.
your mer - cy and___ your kind - ness know no end.

Refrain



Your blood has washed a-way my sin; Je-sus, thank you.



The Fa-ther's wrath com-pletely sat - is - fied, Je-sus, thank you.



Once your en - e - my,___ now seat - ed at___ your



ta - ble, Je - sus, thank_____ you.

Welcome and Announcements

Offering

The offering is part of our regular worship. Our hope is that all gifts offered will come from an understanding that we give because God first gave to us, and that every penny will be carefully and thoughtfully invested in cultivating faith in Jesus Christ.

Prayers for the Church and World

Passing of the Peace

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another with a handshake or a hug. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "The peace of Christ be with you."

Sermon

22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. 25 Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.

Colossians 3:22-25
Philemon 1:1-21

Sermon Series
*The Book of Colossians:
Rooted in Christ*

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— 2 also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home: 3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, 5 because I hear about your love for all his saints and your faith in the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. 7 Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints.

8 Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, 9 yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— 10 that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

12 I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. 13 I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. 14 But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. 15 Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—16 no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

17 So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. 20 I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

“Emancipation of Slaves”
Rev. Brad Chaney

The Lord's Supper

Communion

Wine is available in the inner two circles; grape juice is available in the outer ring. Gluten-free wafers are available in a basket on the back table.

We hold the bread and wine until everyone has been served in order to eat and drink together.

We ask that you dispense with your cups by the back door following the service.

Just as the climax of all history will be the Wedding Supper of the Lamb, we conclude our worship in the presence of God by feasting. The Spirit takes the common elements of bread and wine and feeds us spiritually with the body and blood of Jesus, for our nourishment and growth in grace, and so strengthens us to be sent out into the world as God's agents of his generous hospitality.

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors, and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with one of our pastors. We would be honored to baptize you.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, thank you...

Make the bread that we break, and the cup of thanksgiving that we drink, a participation in the Body and Blood of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16).

Prayer for Christians Who Doubt

Jesus, if all of what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open my eyes to the reality of who you are. I let my circumstances inform me, which leads me to doubt what you say about yourself. As I take the bread and the wine, may your Spirit give me an understanding which is so convincing and compelling that it will lead me to the life that you promise.

Prayer for Christians Struggling with Sin

Savior, my sin is before me! It has entangled me and now engulfs me. Help me see your beauty and the horrid ugliness of my sin. Use these elements, by your Spirit, to break the power of sin over me. Give me faith to fight my sin and rest in you. Give me joy, Lord.

COME, BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

MATT BOSWELL, MATT PAPA AND MICHAEL BLEECKER 2012



1. Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King.
2. Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, he the per-fect Son of Man.
3. Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, Christ the Lord up-on the tree.
4. Come be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry; slain by death, the God of life.



He the theme of heav-en's prais-es, robed in frail hu-man-i-ty.
In his liv-ing, in his suf-f'ring, nev-er trace, nor stain of sin.
In the stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the Lamb in vic-to-ry.
But no grave could e'er re-strain him. Praise the Lord, he is a-live!



In our long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come.
See the true and bet-ter Ad-am, come to save the hell-bound man.
See the price of our re-demp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un-fold.
What a fore-taste of de-liv-'rance, how un-wa-ver-ing our hope.



Look to Christ, who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.
Christ, the great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law, in him we stand.
Bring-ing man-y sons to glo-ry; grace un-meas-ured, love un-told.
Christ in pow-er res-ur-rect-ed, as we will be when he comes.



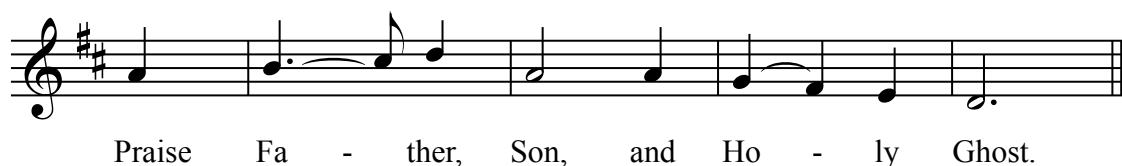
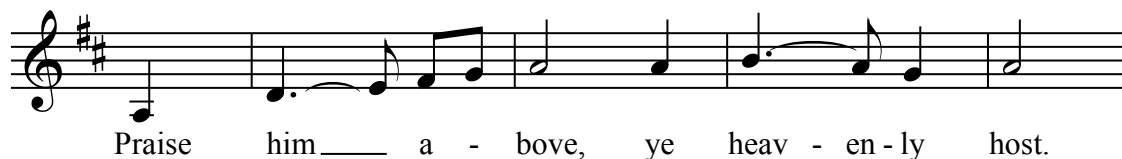
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KATHERINE K. DAVIS, 1939



Benediction

May you overflow with thankfulness in Christ Jesus. And may the blessing of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rest upon you.

Colossians 2:7