

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day

December 5, 2021

Prelude

But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.
Habakkuk 2:20

Welcome

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Choral Introit (11:00)

Now sing we, now rejoice, now raise to heaven our voice; He from whom joy streameth poor in a manger lies; not so brightly beameth the sun in yonder skies. Thou my savior art! Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heavenly ground? Where the angels singing with all His saints unite, sweetest praises bringing in heavenly joy and light. Oh, that we were there!

† Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:3-5

Pastor: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

People: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

Pastor: the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

People: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Δ† Hymn of Adoration

218 *Angels, From the Realms of Glory*

† Salutation and Responsive Scriptures

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

People: Who made heaven and earth!

Pastor: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

† The Lord's Prayer

Together as God's People

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.

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

§ We Confess Our Sin and Affirm Our Faith

The Rev. Nathan E. Currey

Leader: God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

All: Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Thou shalt not make to thee any graven image.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

§ Individual Silent Confession of Sin

§ God Forgives Us in Christ

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Bridges Family (8:30 a.m.), Suttie Family (11:00 a.m.)

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

216 *Infant Holy*

(11:00) Children ages 3 to Kdg. to Children's Church (look for the flag bearer)

† The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

(Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words which the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you.")

§ Morning Prayer

Elder

We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

God Instructs Us With His Word

Scripture Reading

The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Felich

Psalm 98 and Selected Passages

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Joy to the World!

"Praise Him!"

† Hymn of Response (as the Elders prepare the Table)

213 *What Child is This?* (1-2)

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of Institution

Rev. Currey

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements

The Elders

(Partake of the Bread individually and the Cup together. Wine is used for communion with a limited amount of grape juice in the center rings.

Please note the bread in the center of the plate is gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† Hymn of Dedication – Deacons' Fund Offering

213 *What Child is This?* (3)

† Benediction

Rev. Felich

† Hymn of Dismissal

162 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (5)

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost to thee, hymn and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be, honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

Postlude

The Order of Divine Worship concludes with your silent prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

† Indicates the congregation standing

§ Indicates the congregation kneeling (if able)

Δ Ushers may seat latecomers