

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day
September 18, 2022

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)

O Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. We with sorrow languish here. O Lord, our God, thou art our only hope; cry we then to thee. Show thy mercy to us.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1-4

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!

Pastor: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

People: For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.

Δ† Hymn of Adoration

45 *Now unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty*

† 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.

† Affirmation of Faith

The Rev. Nathan E. Currey

The Nicene Creed (p. 846, together as God's people)

Δ† Gloria Patri

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 Graciously Renews Us in Christ

§ We Confess Our Sin

Our Father, we are sinful and You are holy. We recognize that we have heard in Your Law difficult words knowing how often we have offended You in thought, word, and deed, not only by obvious violations, but by failing to conform to its perfect commands, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. There is nothing in us that gives us reason for hope, for where we thought we were well, we are sick in soul. Where we thought we were holy, we are in truth unholy and ungrateful. Our hearts are filled with the love of the world; our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts; our wills are too often given to selfishness and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness. By sinning against our neighbors, we have also sinned against You, in Whose image they were created. Lord have mercy on us; Christ have mercy on us; Lord have mercy on us. Amen.

§ Individual Silent Confession of Sin

§ God Forgives Us in Christ

Joel 2:12-13

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism (11:00 a.m.)

Brooklyn Strain

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

411 *Shine Thou upon Us, Lord*

(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 Galen Mussman

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

Genesis 18:16-21

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Promises and Patriarchs

"A God-Ordained Life Mission"

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

149 *Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth* (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 is gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† Hymn of Dedication

149 *Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth* (3-4)

† 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