

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day
April 2, 2023

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)

Surely He has borne our griefs; and our heavy sorrows, these has He carried.

† Call to Worship

 Adapted from Psalm 118 and Matthew 21

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever.

People: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Let Israel say, "His love endures forever!" and all who fear God say, "His love endures forever!"

People: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: With the Lord on our side, what can we fear? What can humankind do?

People: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the Lord, our God!

People: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: The Lord is our strength and our might. The Lord has become our salvation!

People: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Δ† Hymn of Adoration

235 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

† 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

 Mr. Bennet Zeller

The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter VIII, Of Christ the Mediator, Sections 1 and 2 (p. 853, 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

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, our profession of faith is often more show than substance, our hearts are in need of cleansing. All we like sheep have gone astray and have turned everyone to his own way. We have lived too much for ourselves and not for you. We have not loved our brethren as we ought, nor faithfully followed our Master in unselfish service. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Pardon all our offenses, we pray. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises and to receive us as your own. Amen.

§ Individual Silent Confession of Sin

§ God Forgives Us in Christ

 Psalm 103:11-13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

246 *Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

(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 Steve Baker

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

John 12:9-19

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

"The World Has Gone After Him"

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

253 *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood* (1-2)

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of Institution

 Rev. Felich

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 – Deacons' Fund Offering

253 *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood* (3-5)

† Benediction

 Rev. Felich

† Hymn of Dismissal

369 *Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns* (4)

O may His holy church increase, His Word and Spirit still prevail, while angels celebrate His praise, and saints His growing glories hail.

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