

# The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day  
December 29, 2024

## 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)

*Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more;  
oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.*

## † Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-3

Pastor: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**People: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

Pastor: The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.

**People: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is He!**

## Δ† Hymn of Adoration

# 207 *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

## † 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. John Choi

The Apostles' Creed (p. 845, 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

Isaiah 61:10

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

## Interlude for Meditation

## Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

# 221 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

(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 Ben Vos

## 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. Nathan E. Currey

Philippians 2:9-11

## Prayer for Illumination

## Preaching of the Word

Joyful Living in Christ

***"The Exaltation of Christ"***

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

# 455 *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* (1-3)

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

## Invitation and the Words of Institution

Rev. Choi

## 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

# 455 *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* (4-5)

## † Benediction

Rev. Currey

## † 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