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A Holy Communion Service

May 5, 2024
11:00 A.M.



Lay Leader: Christiana Ashong Worship Leader: Susan Small
Pianist: Kristi Helfen Drums: Ben Wilkinson
Percussion: Sam Jones

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Revelation 7:10, 5:12,13*

Leader: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

People: **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

All: **To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!**

OPENING HYMN *Hymn No. 43* *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Almighty God, we confess that at times we lose sight of how holy, mighty and trustworthy You are, and we fall into habits of worry and doubt. We confess that when we need to stand firm in You, we sometimes succumb to fear or wander away from You. Forgive us, Lord, and strengthen us to live as Your faithful children, introducing others to You and bringing glory to Your name. *

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Lay Leader**

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:1-2b, 4-5

OFFERING OF PRAISE

*People of God
My Tribute
No Higher Calling*

+PASTORAL PRAYER

+AFFIRMATIONS AND APOSTLE'S CREED

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

GRATEFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please remember the Samaritan Fund Ministry to non-members in distress in your giving this week. Text and online giving available. See the website for information.

OFFERTORY *In the Presence of Jehovah* **Paula Daley**

By Geron Davis

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness (chorus)*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC **Chancel Choir**

"Jesus Christ Is the Way"

By Walter Hawkins

CHILDREN'S CHURCH *(Children ages 4- 5th grade are dismissed)*

+SCRIPTURE READING

If you are able, please stand for the reading of the Word of God.

Matt 28:16-20, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Revelation 7:9-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord **Response: Thanks be to God**

SERMON **Rev. Cyril Jermin**

"The Three 'I's' of Interaction"

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Consecration of the Bread and Cup

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

CLOSING HYMN *Hymn No. 420*

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

BENEDICTION **People: Amen**

POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*

(Hyfrydol) - Prichard / Bozard

WHEN THE GATHERING ENDS, THE SERVICE BEGINS.

GO IN PEACE, TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

Hymn= Hymns for the Living Church.

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+No entry at this time. * Prayer by Susan Small

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried*; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead; I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church**, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

* In the original Creed "He descended into Hell" is inserted here.

** In the original Creed "the Holy catholic Church" is inserted here.

Our Vision

To build committed disciples who love Jesus Christ and live their lives to fulfill God's purposes.

OUR AFFIRMATIONS

Our Common Identity

Leader: Who Are We Crossroads?

All: We're the People of God

Our Common Purpose

Leader: Why Do We Exist As A Church?

All: To love God and worship Him.

To love and care for one another and to share the joys and the struggles of growing as a community seeking to bring glory to His name.

Our Common Mission and Witness

Leader: Why are we here?

All: We are here to joyfully worship and serve the Lord: to share the message of Jesus and the Gospel with all who will hear, through lives that demonstrate His love, mercy and justice in all of our relationships, in our communities, in our nation and in our world.

Leader: Crossroads, how can we be such a community?

All: By deciding to follow Jesus and to make a daily decision to live for God today. By earnestly studying His word and seeking to value what God values and to practice the principles found in His word.

Leader: Crossroads, for the Glory of God, let us live like this.

All: Amen

Our Mission

Our mission is to be a nurturing multicultural fellowship of growing Christians, committed to glorifying God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – through worship, proclaiming Jesus Christ, witness and service in our communities, the nation and the world.

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so
wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently
sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and
defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend
thee.

Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore
Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with
praises before Him! Let the Amen
Sound from His people again:
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Amen. Joachim Neander, translated by Catherine Winkworth

PEOPLE OF GOD

With our lips
Let us sing one confession,
With our hearts
Hold to one truth alone;
For He has erased our transgression,
Claimed us and called us
His own, His very own.

Chorus:
We're the people of God,
Called by His name,
Called from the dark
And delivered from shame;
One holy race, saints ev'ryone,
Because of the blood
Of Christ Jesus, the Son.

Hear us, O spirits of darkness,
So you will know where we stand;
We are His servants, purchased with scars,
Bought by the blood of the Lamb,
The blood of the Lamb.

Chorus

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MY TRIBUTE

How can I say thanks?
For the things You have done for me.
Things so undeserved.
Yet You give to prove Your love for me?
The voices of a million angels
Could not express my gratitude.
All that I am and ever hope to be,
I owe it all to Thee.

To God be the glory.
To God be the glory.
To God be the glory
For the things He has done!
With His blood He has saved me.
With His pow'r He has raised me.
To God be the glory
For the things He has done!

Just let me live my life.
Let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee;
And should I gain any praise,
Let it go to Calvary.
With His blood He has saved me.
With His pow'r He has raised me.
To God be the glory
For the things He has done.

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NO HIGHER CALLING

Down at Your feet, Oh Lord,
Is the most high place.
In Your presence, Lord,
I seek Your face,
I seek Your face.

Chorus
There is no higher calling,
No greater honor
Than to bow and kneel before Your throne.
I'm amazed at Your glory,
Embraced by Your mercy,
Oh Lord, I live to worship You.

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OFFERTORY RESPONSE

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (chorus)

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided--
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**IF THOU BUT SUFFER GOD TO GUIDE
THEE**

If thou but suffer God to guide thee,
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee thro' the evil days;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.

Only be still and wait His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure
And all-discerning love hath sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him who chose us for His own.

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving;
In all thy labor faithful be,
And trust His Word; though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never will forsake in need
The soul that trusts in Him indeed.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

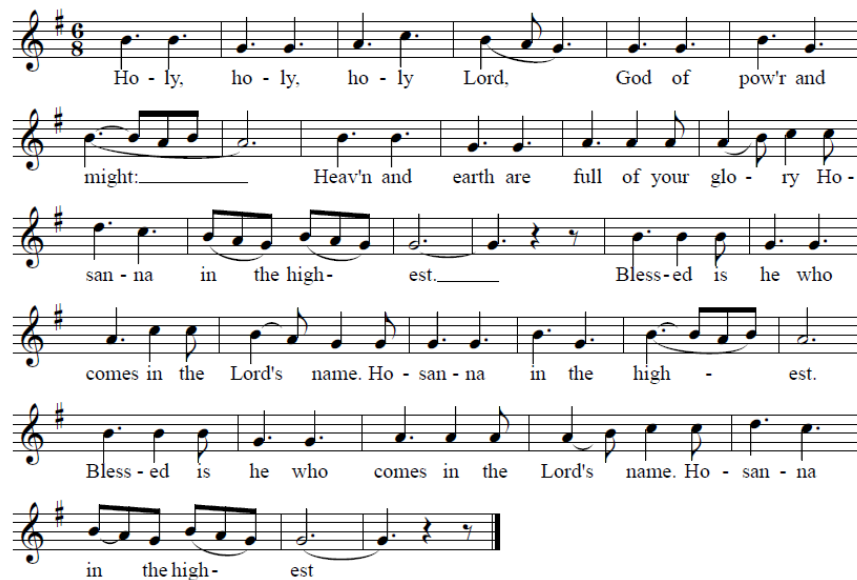
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

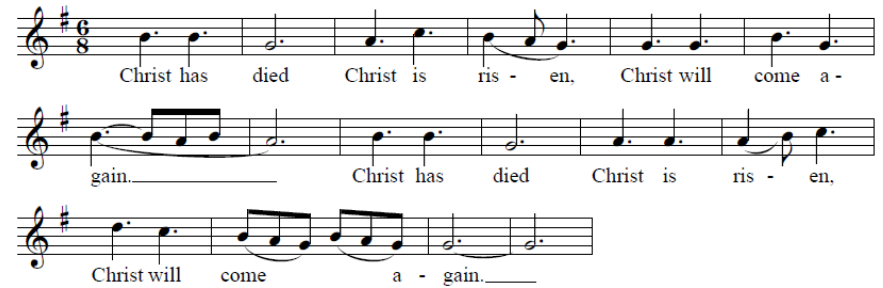
Holy God, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
with joy we praise you and give thanks to your name. . .

Therefore, we lift our hearts in joyful praise,
joining our voices with choirs of angels,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:



We praise you, most holy God, for sending your only Son to live among us,
sharing our joy and sorrow. . .

As you raised our Lord from death
and call us with him from death to life, we give ourselves
to you to live for him
in joy and grateful praise.



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine. . .
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION