

April 19, 2020

Prelude

Welcome

GOD IS HOLY

Doxology: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a Savior
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen! Christ the first fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield:
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine
from the furrows of the grave.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high;
alleluia to the Savior,
who has won the victory;
alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity.

Alleluia! Alleluia
to the Triune Majesty.

Prayer of Preparation

Scottish Psalter, 1595

O Eternal God, grant unto us that your holy name may always be magnified among us; and that your mighty and holy Word be so imprinted in our hearts, that we undertake nothing against your godly will; to the intent that we continually depend on your good providence, and be replenished with that joy that shall uphold our hope of all those good things which you have promised to us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 63:1-7

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;

**my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

**Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.**

So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

**My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,**

when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

**for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.**

Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Opening Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, Trinity Hymnal p. 92

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great;
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sa-ba-oth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! His doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

WE HAVE SINNED

Call to Confession

Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree
planted by streams of water

that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Father, forgive us for listening to the lies of the devil,
our world, and even our own hearts,
rather than the truth of your Word.
Forgive us for walking in the way of sinners,
rather than being careful to obey your Word.
Forgive us for delighting in the fleeting pleasures of sin,
rather than your eternal and good Word.
Thank you that Jesus not only died in our place for our sin,
but he also perfectly obeyed your law.**

**Renew our trust in your Son today,
and empower us for new obedience through your Spirit.
We pray in Jesus' name,
Amen**

Personal Prayer of Confession

JESUS RECONCILES US

Hear the Gospel of Christ: 2 Corinthians 8:9; Ephesians 2:8–10

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Believer in Jesus Christ, you are free from the guilt and power of sin and death.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Assurance: There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood, Trinity Hymnal p. 253

There is a fountain filled with blood,
drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains,
lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away,
washed all my sins away;
and there have I, as vile as he,
washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
your flowing wounds supply.
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die,
and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die.

When this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue
lies silent in the grave,
then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Your pow'r to save:
I'll sing Your pow'r to save,
I'll sing Your pow'r to save;
then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Your pow'r to save.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood
shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of god
be saved to sin no more:
be saved to sin no more,
be saved to sin no more,
till all the ransomed church of God
be saved to sin no more.

The Peace of God: 2 Thessalonians 3:16a

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

Offering Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be, verses 4 & 6, Trinity Hymnal 585

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt chose,
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only all for thee.

Prayers for Hearers and the Ministry of the Word

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:9–16

⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!

¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart,

that I might not sin against you.

¹² Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!

¹³ With my lips I declare
all the rules of your mouth.

¹⁴ In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.

¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.

¹⁶ I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: I Have Stored Up Your Word In My Heart

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: O Word Of God Incarnate, Trinity Hymnal p. 140

O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

The church from her dear Master
received the gift divine,
and still that light she lifteth

o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket,
where gems of truth are stored;
it is the heaven draw picture
of Christ, the living Word.

It floateth like a banner
before God's host unfurled;
it shineth like a beacon
above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass
that o'er life's surging sea,
'mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
still guides, O Christ, to thee.

O make thy church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations
thy true light, as of old.
O teach thy wandering pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see thee face to face.

JESUS SENDS US WITH HIS SPIRIT

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q. 45

45. Q. What benefit do we receive from the Resurrection of Christ?

A. First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, that He might make us partakers of the righteousness which by His death He has obtained for us. Secondly, we also are now by His power raised up to a new life. Thirdly, the resurrection of Christ is to us a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection.

Song of Thanksgiving: The Gospel Song

Holy God in love became
Perfect man to bear my blame
On the cross He took my sin
By his death I live again

Sending

Let us prayerfully go forth as one body, empowered by the Spirit, to praise God, love people, and proclaim the risen Christ until he comes.

Thanks be to God

Benediction

JESUS IS COMING FOR US

Postlude