

Welcome to Worship

Sharing life in Christ with each other and our neighbors

January 30, 2022

Prelude

"God is Here" #246 verses 1-4

God is here as we His people
Meet to offer praise and prayer
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share
Here as in the world around us
All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of your Spirit
Into open minds and hearts

Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace
Here are table font and pulpit
Here the Word has central place
Here in honesty of preaching
Here in silence as in speech
Here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each

Here our children find a welcome
In the Shepherd's flock and fold
Here as bread and wine are taken
Christ sustains us as of old
Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
To believe and to adore

Lord of all of Church and Kingdom
In an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel
Help us work Your purpose out
Here in this day's celebration
All we have to give, receive
We who cannot live without You
We adore You we believe

Welcome & Announcements

Focus

We all are thirsty all the time. So we try to find something to satisfy our deep need, not realizing that only God's never-ending river of love, rather than the chasing of our desires, will satisfy us completely and lastingly. Jesus, who shared our experience of thirst, invites us to come to him to receive the living water of God the Spirit.

Confession

(Reading Together)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. So often we merely drink from the cup of our own desires rather than the everlasting well of Your living water. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

People of God, be assured that in Christ your sins are forgiven. As the company of the forgiven, then, let us stand and, as you feel appropriate, greet one another in the peace of Christ.

We Greet Each Other

(Reading Together)

While we are apart, we long for the day we can gather face to face, and we greet one another in the peace of Christ.

Scripture Reading: John 4:1-42; Psalm 42:1-3

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" #823

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all, from fullest bliss that earth imparts
we turn unfilled to hear your call.

Your truth unchanged has ever stood; you save all those who on you call. To those who seek you, you are good;
to those who find you, all in all.

We taste you, ever-living Bread, and long to feast upon you still; we drink of you, the fountainhead,
our thirst to quench, our souls to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for you where'er our changeful lot is cast; glad when you smile on us anew,
blest that our faith can hold you fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright! Chase the dark night of sin away;
shed o'er the world your holy light!

Words: Latin, 12th c.; tr. Ray Palmer, 1858, alt., P.D. Music: QUEBEC, Henry Baker, 1854, P.D.

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" #665 (tune: #10)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done. Words: Horatius Bonar, 1846, P.D. ; Music: KINGSFOLD trad. English, P.D.

Presenting Our Gifts to God/ Congregational Prayer

Message: "Jesus Gives Living Water"
Tom McClenahan

"Eat This Bread #818

Eat this bread, drink this cup; come to Christ and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst. Words and Music: The Community of Taizé, Jacques Berthier, c. 1991, GIA Publications, Inc. 2499989 One License

The Lord's Supper

Litany:

Pastor: In the Lord's Supper, Christ offers his own crucified body and shed blood to his people, assuring them a share in his death and resurrection. By the Holy Spirit, he feeds us with his resurrection life and binds us to each other as we share one loaf and cup.

People: We receive this food gladly, believing, as we eat, that Jesus is our life-giving food and drink and that he will come again to call us to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

The Apostles' Creed (read together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Parting Blessing

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer" #903, verse 2

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise. All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise. God, the wellspring of life.

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