



ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2024

Call to Worship: Psalm 67:1-5, 7

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face to shine upon us,
that Your ways may be known on earth,
Your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for You judge the peoples with equity,
and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!

God shall bless us; let all the earth fear Him!

Invocation

Hymn 210: O God, We Praise Thee and Confess

O God, we praise thee and confess that thou the only Lord
and everlasting Father art, by all the earth adored.

To thee all angels cry aloud; to thee the pow'rs on high,
both cherubim and seraphim, continually do cry.

O holy, holy, holy Lord, whom heav'nly hosts obey,
the world is with the glory filled of thy majestic ray.

Th'apostles' glorious company and prophets crowned with light,
with all the martyrs' noble host, thy constant praise recite.

The holy church throughout the world, O Lord, confesses thee,
that thou eternal Father art, of boundless majesty.

Thine honored, true, and only Son, and Holy Ghost, the Spring
of never-ceasing joy: O Christ, of glory thou art King.

Psalm 27A: The LORD's My Light

The LORD's my light and saving help—by whom am I dismayed?
The LORD's the stronghold of my life—of whom am I afraid?
When evildoers threaten me to eat my flesh away,
my adversaries and my foes will stumble in that day.

Though armies war on ev'ry side, my heart will feel no dread;
though war against me should arise, yet I will lift my head.
One thing I plead before the LORD, and seek with heart upraised:
that I may come within God's house and dwell there all my days—

To gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and see his grace,
and seek to know, within his house, instruction in his ways.
For he will hide and shelter me when comes the evil day;
he sets me high upon a rock; his tent will keep me safe.

My head is lifted high above my foes who hem me in;
I sacrifice within his tent; with shouts of joy I sing.
LORD, hear me when I call to you; be merciful and speak!
“Come, seek my face!” you told my heart; your face, LORD, will I seek.

O do not hide your face from me, and do not turn aside
your servant in your righteous wrath, for you have been my guide.
O God, my Savior, leave me not; do not reject my plea.
My parents may forsake me, LORD, but you will welcome me.

O teach your way and lead me, LORD, against my enemies.
To false and cruel witnesses do not deliver me.
Yet I am sure that in this life God's goodness I will see.
Await the LORD; be strong, take heart. For him wait patiently.

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Confession of Sin

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.**

**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

Hear the Good News!

When you were dead in trespasses
and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
God made you alive together with Christ, when He forgave us all our trespasses,
erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.
He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

Know that in Jesus,
God embraces you, forgives you,
And strengthens you to live a renewed life.

Thanks be to God!

Song: I Will Wait for You

Out of the depths I cry to You; from darkest places I will call.
Incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways how could I come before Your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze – I stand redeemed by grace alone.

Chorus

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You, on Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You till my soul is satisfied.*

So put Your hope in God alone, take courage in His power to save;
Completely and forever won by Christ emerging from the grave.
Chorus

His steadfast love has made a way, and God Himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in Him today find healing in his sacrifice.
Chorus

I will wait for You, I will wait for You, through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, For Your love is my delight.
I will wait for You, I will wait for You, through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You, For Your love is my delight.

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Song: O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, greatest treasure of my longing soul,
My God, like You there is no other, true delight is found in You alone.
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom; Your love exceeds the heavens' reach,
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom, my highest good and my unending need.
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O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, strong defender of my weary heart,
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver and my shield against his hateful darts.
My song when enemies surround me, my hope when tides of sorrow rise,
My joy when trials are abounding, Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, gracious Savior of my ruined life,
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders, in my place You suffered bled and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered, You broke my bonds of sin and shame!
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O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
May all my days bring glory to Your Name, may all my days bring glory to Your Name.

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Scripture Reading: Exodus 20

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 534: Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God, in ev'ry part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim thy being and thy ways.
Not for the lip of praise alone, nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up of praise in ev'ry part:

Praise in the common words I speak, life's common looks and tones,
in fellowship enjoyed at home with my beloved ones,
enduring wrong, reproach, or loss with sweet and steadfast will,
forgiving freely those who hate, returning good for ill.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care be turned into a song,
and ev'ry winding of the way the echo shall prolong.
So shall no part of day or night from sacredness be free,
but all my life, in ev'ry step, be fellowship with thee.

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-2

Sermon: "The Last Will and Testament of the Apostle Paul"

Lord's Supper

Song: Doxology

Benediction

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online at: kingscrosskirk.org/giving*