

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-6, 8

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!

I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Invocation

Psalm 122A: I Was Filled with Joy and Gladness

I was filled with joy and gladness when they said with one accord, "Let us make our pilgrim journey to the house of God the LORD. O Jerus'lem, O Jerus'lem, we are standing in your gates; we are standing in your gates.

As a city bound together is Jerusalem designed. There, by law, the tribes ascending thank the LORD in praise combined. Thrones of David, thrones of David, there for royal justice stand; there for royal justice stand.

Pray for peace, the peace of Zion: "Prosper those who love you well! Peace be in your walls forever; safety in your towers dwell!" Peace and safety, peace and safety in Jerusalem abound; in Jerusalem abound.

For the sake of my companions, for my brothers, I will say: "May God's peace abide within you!" For the temple's sake I pray. For the LORD's house, for the LORD's house I will ever seek your good; I will ever seek your good.

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Song: Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice, all creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus:

Behold our God, seated on His throne, come let us adore Him! Behold our King, nothing can compare, come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? *Chorus*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal humbled to the grave, Jesus Savior risen now to reign! *Chorus*

You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill the earth) You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill the earth) You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill the earth) You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill)

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Confession of Sin

Almighty and Merciful God, We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News!

If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with You,

so that You may be feared.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with Him is great power to redeem.

It is He who will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

Know that in Jesus,

God embraces you, forgives you,

And strengthens you to live a renewed life.

Thanks be to God!

(from Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8)

Song: Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart! I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart, No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free; For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me.

I bow before the cross of Christ and marvel at this love divine: God's perfect Son was sacrificed to make me righteous in God's eyes. This river's depths I cannot know, but I can glory in its flood. The Lord Most High has bowed down low, and poured on me His glorious love, And poured on me His glorious love.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.o
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Baptismw

Scripture Reading: Exodus 9:13 - 35

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 167: Jesus, Where'er Your People Meet

Jesus, where'er your people meet, there they behold your mercy seat; where'er they seek you, you are found, and ev'ry place is hallowed ground.

For you, within no walls confined, are dwelling in the humble mind; such ever bring you where they come, and going, take you to their home.

Dear Shepherd of your chosen few, your former mercies here renew; here to our waiting hearts proclaim the sweetness of your saving name.

Here may we prove the pow'r of pray'r to strengthen faith and sweeten care, to teach our faint desires to rise, and bring all heav'n before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but you are near; nor short your arm, nor deaf your ear; O rend the heav'ns, come quickly down, and make a thousand hearts your own.

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:12-21

Sermon: If Only

Lord's Supper

Song: Gloria Patri

Benediction

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