

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 24, 2020

THE GATHERING

The Welcome

*The Prayer of Invocation

*The Responsive Call to Worship: Psalm 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**All: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

**All: God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne:
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King thru all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love: behold His hands and side
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life: Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days adored and magnified.

The Reading of Acts 1:1-11

The Prayers of Confession

Leader: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. - 1 Timothy 1:15a

All: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life,
and crowned him Lord of all.

We confess the times when we have not bowed before him
or acknowledged his rule in our lives;

When we have gone our own way or along with the ways of the world,
and failed to give him glory;

Forgive us according to Christ's death for our sins.

Enable us, by the Holy Spirit, to live as your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

(Adapted from The Book of Common Worship)

Private (Silence is kept for private confession)

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

All: He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was
the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

*The Profession of Faith: The 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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into Hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and is seated 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

(Note: Although not written by the apostles, this creed is a summary of their teachings. Though its origin is traced to the second century, it developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century. For the sake of clarity, please note that we believe that Jesus suffered the agony and punishment of Hell on the cross, most especially when He knew that He had been forsaken by His Father, and that He died a real death from which He was resurrected. We believe also that "holy catholic church" refers to the church universal.)

***Come Ye Sinners**

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry till you're better you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.
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***You Alone Can Rescue**

Who, oh Lord, could save themselves,
Their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your grace is deeper still (repeat)

(chorus)

You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise

You, oh Lord, have made a way
The great divide You healed
For when our hearts were far away
Your love went further still
Yes, Your love goes further still

(repeat chorus)

We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes you're the giver of life
We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes you're the giver of life (repeat)

(repeat chorus)

To You alone belongs the highest praise
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The Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

Since we are not meeting at the church-house, tithes and offerings can be made by mailing checks to Grace EPC, Attn: Bob Woods, 3312 Calvin Drive, Lawrence KS 66049. You can also give directly from your bank to the church, or by credit or debit card. Please go to Grace EPC website at www.gepc.org, click on "Give," and follow the prompts to set up an account and choose the amounts, funds and frequency you prefer. If you have any questions concerning online giving, please contact bob@gepc.org or (785) 843-2005.

THE WORD AND PRAYER

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Scripture

Luke 24:50-53

All: The grass withers and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.

The Message from Scripture

The Prayers of the People

Bill Vogler

THE SENDING

*The Benediction

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Congregation will stand.

Elders are available to pray and assist you at elders@gepc.org,
or contact Ryan Randolph (randolph@gepc.org) with any other needs you may have.