

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 20, 2018

*To protect the Worship environment,
please, no drinks in the Sanctuary, and remember to turn off cell phones.*

THE GATHERING

*#262 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy - there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

TEXT: Reginald Heber MUSIC: John B. Dykes

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 104

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, you are very great!

**ALL: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works,**

LEADER: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**ALL: May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.**

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

ALL: Praise the Lord!

*The Lion and the Lamb

He's coming on the clouds,
And kings and kingdoms will bow down
Every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

(chorus)

Our God is the lion – the lion of Judah
He's roaring in power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is a lamb – the lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world; His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

Open up the gates, make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

(repeat chorus)

Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord

(repeat chorus)

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*THE READING OF ACTS 2:1-21

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon your Son's disciples
creating open ears, bold tongues, and a new community in Christ.

We confess that we fail to listen to your word of grace:

Forgive our dullness in hearing and heeding your word;

Create in us open ears that listen intently to your voice.

We confess that we fail to speak the good news of your love:

Pardon our timidity in commending you to others;

Create in us bold tongues to declare your excellencies.

We confess that we fail to live as a people made one in Christ:

Forgive our self-centeredness and pride;

Enable us to be humble, gentle, patient and forbearing with one another.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Transform our lives by the power of your presence,

and fill us with a burning desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRIVATE (A time of silent and private confessions for personal sins)

LEADER: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

ALL: Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and grant us a willing spirit to serve you with gladness for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Upon a Life I Did Not Live**

Upon a Life I have not lived, upon a Death I did not die,
Another's Life; Another's Death, I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed, not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears; Another's griefs, on these I rest, on these alone.

(chorus)

O Jesus, Son of God,
I build on what Thy cross has done for me;
There both my death and life I read,
My guilt, and pardon there I see, there I see.

Lord, I believe; O deal with me, as one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me, as one who has Thy gift received

(repeat chorus)

(repeat verse 1)

(repeat chorus)

Words: Horatius Bonar, Music: Kevin Twit

***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.)

***The Glory of the Cross**

What wisdom once devised the plan where all our sin and pride
Was placed upon the perfect Lamb Who suffered, bled, and died?
The wisdom of a Sovereign God Whose greatness will be shown
When those who crucified Your Son rejoice around Your throne

(chorus)

And, oh, the glory of the cross
That You would send Your Son for us
I gladly count my life as loss
That I might come to know
The glory of, the glory of the cross

What righteousness was there revealed that sets the guilty free
That justifies ungodly men and calls the filthy clean?
A righteousness that proved to all Your justice has been met
And holy wrath is satisfied through one atoning death

(repeat chorus)

What mercy now has been proclaimed for those who would believe
A love incomprehensible our minds could not conceive?
A mercy that forgives my sin then makes me like Your Son
And now I'm loved forevermore because of what You've done

(repeat chorus)

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***The Church's One Foundation**

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

TEXT: Samuel J. Stone MUSIC: Brian Moss

THE DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Although giving is a significant part of worship, we do not collect the offering during our service. Two boxes are placed by the doors to receive your offering. Tithes and offerings for the General Fund are placed in the box without the "steeple." Offerings for the Building Fund are to be placed in the box with the "steeple," with check payable to Grace EPC Building Fund.

(CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASSES AT THIS TIME:
K-4TH GRADE — LINE UP IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE SANCTUARY.)

(THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER THE SERVICE HAS BEGUN MAY BE SEATED AT THIS TIME)

THE WELCOME

At this time, please fill out the friendship register found at the side aisle. As the register is passed, please note those with whom you are worshipping so that you can greet one another after the service. If this is your first Sunday at Grace, please accept our invitation to worship with us again soon. If you would like information about Grace EPC, please take one of our brochures from the table in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home, please let us know and we will be happy to visit with you.

THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:1-16

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE WORD

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

THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE

Bill Vogler

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

It is our sincere desire to pray effectively for the particular needs of those worshipping with us this morning. If you have a prayer concern that you want shared with the congregation during the prayers of the people, please call the church office or one of the elders prior to the service with your request. If you desire prayer on a personal matter, we invite you to meet with the elders in the front pews after the Benediction.

Available for prayer after 8:45 worship: Larry Swinson & Warran Wiebe
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Warran Wiebe & Michael Lemon

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

TEXT: Edward Mote MUSIC: William B. Bradbury

*Congregation will stand.