



The Morning Worship

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Liturgist: Pastor Ruud

The Prelude

The Welcome

The Opening Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

The Invocation

We gather as we live, supported by God's love, confident of God's grace,
and emissaries of God's peace, for we are baptized in the Name of the
Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us pray: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

St. John writes, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” And so we gather to confess our sin, not because we believe God thinks us unworthy or unlovable, but just the opposite: because, out of love, God has promised always to receive us in mercy and grace.

Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Pastor: And now hear these words of promise and consolation: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. To those who believe, he gives the power to become children of God. All this is promised in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers of the Day

The pastor will close each of the prayers with the words “Lord, in your mercy,” and you are invited to respond, “Hear our prayer.”

The First Reading ~ John 11:7-10, 16

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

The Hymn of the Day

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

The Gospel ~ John 20:19, 24-28

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said

to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

The Apostles’ Creed

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, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

The Offertory Anthem ~ *O Be Joyful in the Lord* John Rutter

The Sermon ~ *A New Reality* **Pastor Lose**

The Closing Hymn

On Our Way Rejoicing

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing now and evermore.

Refrain: On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction and Sending

The Postlude ~ *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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