



The Morning Worship

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Pastor Dixon preaching
Pastor Freeman, liturgist

The Prelude

The Welcome

The Opening Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the lamb upon the 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 through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

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, but 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 Hymn of the Day

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.*

The Reading ~ 1 Samuel 9:1-2, 15-17, 10:1a

There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish son of Abiel son of Zeror son of Becorath son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth. He had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he; he stood head and shoulders above everyone else.

Now the day before Saul came, the Lord had revealed to Samuel: “Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be ruler over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines; for I have seen the suffering of my people, because their outcry has come to me.” When Samuel saw Saul, the Lord told him, “Here is the man of whom I spoke to you. He it is who shall rule over my people.”

Samuel took a vial of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him; he said, “The Lord has anointed you ruler over his people Israel. You shall reign over the people of the Lord and you will save them from the hand of their enemies all around.”

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. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Set Me As a Seal ~ David Childs

Cathedral Choir with Kira Seidel, French Horn

The Sermon

Saul Chosen to be King ~ Pastor Dixon

The Closing Hymn

On Our Way Rejoicing

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

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

The Sending Prayer

Lord God, you have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ~ Albert Travis

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