



Gathering God's People

Word of Welcome

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship

Psalm 145: 1-7

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

People: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Leader: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

People: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

Leader: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

Prayer of Invocation

Worshiping God in Spirit and Truth

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

Johann Jakob Schutz, arr. Landon Paul

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation! With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills. To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth; by morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth; within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right. To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling! For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling. For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God with me. To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation; he is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation. As with a mother's tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band. To God all praise and glory!

"Here is Love"

Matt Boswell/Keith Getty/Kristyn Getty

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers poured incessant from above
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love

On the morn of resurrection mercy filled the thirsty grave
Where the stone of death burst open springs of life flowed unrestrained
Love no heart could ever measure joy no sorrows will outrun
Rush upon the soul believing in the risen, reigning Son

O this love, vast love of Jesus bids us come and drink and live
To this weary world of longing what more could our Savior give
Now to Christ who fully loved us and who freed us from our sin
Be all glory and dominion everlasting praise to Him

Gospel Renewal

Lenten Confession of Sin

All: Father, we come before you confessing our sin and asking for your mercy. Save us, O God, from the blindness, which is not even aware that it is sinning; From the pride, which cannot admit that it is wrong; From the self-will, which can see nothing but its own way; From the self-righteousness, which can see no flaw within itself; From the callousness, which has sinned so often that it has ceased to care; From the defiance, which is not even sorry for its sins; From the evasion, which always puts the blame on someone or something else; From the heart so hardened, that it cannot repent.

Give us at all times, eyes which are open to our faults; A conscience which is sensitive and quick to warn; A heart that cannot sin in peace, but is moved to regret and remorse. So, grant that being truly penitent we may be truly forgiven, so that we may find that your love is great enough to cover all of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 2:16, 19-20

Leader: Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Having received peace from God, we now give it to one another. May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The work of God is Christ within us, so we respond now to him.

"Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

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What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom. My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His. Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"

Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken. For by my side, the Saviour He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed. To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley He will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome

Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea. Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus. For He has said that He will bring me home. And day by day, I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus-- all the glory evermore to Him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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Prayer of the People

Culture Building and Greeting

Instruction In God's Word

Old Testament

New Testament

Sermon Text: Acts 15:1-21

Preaching Today: James Forsyth

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Liturgy of the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending God's People Into the World

Song of Response

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Habershon / Merker

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast. When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path. For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Chorus: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those he saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast. Precious in His holy sight, he will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last. Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast. Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast. Raised with him to endless life; He will hold me fast 'till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

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