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At Home Bulletin

CALL TO WORSHIP

O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

**O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Adapted from Psalm 8

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; Music: TERRA BEATA, Franklin Sheppard, 1915.

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and for evermore be thine.

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; tr. 1850, 1873;

CRUSADER'S HYMN Silesian Folk melody; *Schlesische Volkslieder*, Leipzig, 1842

Psalm 133

Tune: Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder – Indelible Grace

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land
that the LORD your God is giving you. *Exodus 20:12*

O Lord, great God,

**all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,
we are embarrassed to come before you,
for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways,
for we have rebelled against your wisdom
and we have gotten into trouble,
for we have rejected your fatherly guidance
and have gotten lost altogether.**

To you belongs righteousness, O Lord,
and to us confusion of face.

**O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe,
Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,
incline your ear to our troubles.**

Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you.

Forgive us,

**not on the ground of our own righteousness,
but on the ground of your great mercy.**

**On the ground of your great mercy
in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**It is in his name that we pray,
for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:11-14

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christians, what do you believe?

**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 and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Psalm 119:103-104

“How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.”

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors. and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil: for yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders,
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:39-52

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“All Must Be Well”

Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

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
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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking
Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated
in the physical presence of the body of Christ.*

MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us.
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well.
On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying.
Yes, in living or in dying all must be well.

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: All Must Be Well