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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

As the deer pants for flowing streams,
so pant our souls for you, O God.

Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with us.
Hope in God; for we shall again praise him,
our salvation and our God.

**We shall go with the throng
and lead them in procession to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.**

Adapted from Psalm 42

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

How Great Thou Art

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder -
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee -
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: “My God! How great Thou art!”

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Psalm 104:1-12

Tune: *O Worship the King*

Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you,
to receive the food of your holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness;
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes,
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, til your church is built,
the earth is filled with your glory.

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GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. *Exodus 20:8-11*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

**Yet, we have closed our eyes to the light of your Word.
We have claimed sight that we do not possess
and we have stumbled in our arrogance.
Forgive us for thinking our ways superior to your law**

The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
**But we have not trusted in the King of Kings,
the Creator of all.**

Forgive us for trusting ourselves instead of You.

**Forgive us for disobedience
which displays a delight in ourselves
instead of a delight in you, O Lord,
the author and perfecter of our salvation.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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.**

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

Pew Bible p.553

I Corinthians 3:18-4:5

Pew Bible p.953

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Wisdom Comes to Grief”

Dr. Gregory Reynolds

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. 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

Satisfied

All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.

Chorus

Hallelujah He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved
Jesus satisfies all my longings through His blood I now am saved.

Feeding on the filth around me till my strength was almost gone
Longed my soul for something better only still to hunger on.

Poor I was and sought for riches something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water ever springing Bread of Life so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth my Redeemer is to me.

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Sermon OUTLINE: *Wisdom Comes to Grief*

I. Self Intro & Assessment: Best Man for the quest [12, 16]

II. The Quest for Wisdom [13, 17a]

III. Appraisal: Work & Wisdom Do Not Satisfy [14, 17b]

IV. Confirming Proverbs [15, 18]

V. So Why Work and Seek Wisdom

A. Because Ultimate Satisfaction is Not Found in a Fallen World

B. God Wants Us for Himself