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**At Home Bulletin**

## **GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**Bless the Lord, and forget not all His benefits,  
Who forgives iniquity and heals our diseases,**

Who redeems our lives from the pit,  
**Who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,**

Who satisfies us with good so that our youth is renewed  
like the eagle's.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
Bless His Holy Name!**

*Psalm 103*

### **INVOCATION\***

### **SONGS OF PRAISE\***

#### *All Creatures of Our God and King*

All Creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou rising sun with golden beam,  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam,

*Chorus:*

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice, *(chorus)*

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light, *(chorus)*

And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care. *(chorus)*

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one, *(chorus)*

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#### ***Holy, Holy, Holy!***

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around a glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

You O Lord are the only true source of hope.

**Forgive us Lord,**

**for we have acted as ones without hope.**

**We have let the details of painful moments  
dominate the narrative of our lives.**

**Forgive us for closing our eyes and our hearts  
to the truth of our hope in the resurrection of Christ.**

Hear our prayer, Lord.

**Forgive us. We have run to idolatrous consolations,  
balms which cannot heal, but only numb the pain.**

**Instead of submission for the sake of sanctification,  
we have denied that pain**

**might have any place in our walks with you.**

**By closing our eyes to the hope we have in you,  
we have stopped our mouths**

**from the praise and honor that is due you.**

**Open the eyes of our hearts  
to comprehend the imperishable reality  
of our inheritance in Christ.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

What is the Church?

**God's Word declares, "There is one body and one Spirit--  
just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call--  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,  
who is over all and through all and in all.  
But grace was given to each one of us  
according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

How are we to live as the Church?

**All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head,  
by His Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His graces,  
sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory:  
and, being united to one another in love,  
they have communion in each other's gifts and graces,  
and are obliged to the performance of such duties,  
public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good,  
both in the inward and outward man.**

Ephesians 4:4-7 and WCF 26:1

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

### 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 \*

*Before the Throne of God Above*

Before the throne of God above

I have a strong and perfect plea;

A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"

Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands,

My name is written on His heart;

I know that while in heav'n He stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart,

No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within.  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 15:1-13

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### SERMON

“The God of Hope”

Rev. Michael Alford

### OUTLINE:

- Introduction: 1. Billy Graham and Churchill- 1954
2. Hope- Not wishful thinking
3. Bible- guarantee, confidence, expectation with joy

### Scriptural Background

1. Romans 15:13
2. verse 2-please ...to build him up  
verse 4- through... might have hope  
verse 6- with one voice glorify...  
verse 8- God confirms His promises

### **I. The God of Hope:**

### **II. Fill you with ALL joy and peace in Believing:**

### **III. Power of the Holy Spirit:**

### **IV. That you may abound in Hope:**

- A. God of Hope has a Purpose for everything
- B. God of Hope has a Plan to accomplish His Purpose
- C. God has the Power to complete His Plan

Conclusion: Romans 15:13

### **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

### *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. (*refrain*)

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay. (*refrain*)

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found;  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne. (*refrain*)

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## BENEDICTION\*