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At Home Bulletin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

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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Psalm 148

Tune: Rejoice, the Lord is King

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

Exodus 20:2-3

God of exodus and wilderness, God of refuge and help,
hear us now as we make our confession to you.

In times of temptation

we forget what you have done for us.

You give us everything we need,

yet we often remain unsatisfied;

and spoil what we have been given.

You show us the way we are to follow,

yet we often continue on the path

of self-indulgence and self-centeredness.

Forgive us, we pray.

We ask for your direction, your patience, your love,

in the name of Jesus Christ,

who, in spite of his temptations, was faithful to your saving Word.

Restore to us a love of holiness and delight in your way.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Revelation 5:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation?

How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 21, 23-26

CHILDREN'S SERMON

I John 5:1-2

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

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

Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Apocalypse in the Desert”

Pastor Ian Hard

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.

HYMN OF SENDING

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven feed me now and evermore;
bread of heaven feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer be thou still my strength and shield,
strong deliv'rer be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee,
songs of praises I will ever give to thee.

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: Apocalypse in the Desert