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At Home Bulletin

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

Psalm 117A

Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King

O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Tune: AZMAN C.M.; Carl G. Glaser 1784-1829
Arranger: Lowell Mason 1829

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!"

Let the poor say "I am rich

because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Ending

Give thanks.

Praise Hymns and Choruses, 3rd Ed., Maranatha! Music, #7 (red book)

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

Leviticus 19:9-18

O Lord, you have commanded each of us to love you
with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

**We confess that we have fallen short;
we do not love you as we ought.**

You command us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

You have commanded us, even, to love our enemies.

**Our actions have denied you in the way we have
not loved all those who bear your image.**

**We have failed to love those born and unborn,
the young and the old, the rich and the poor,
those like us and unlike us.**

O Lord we confess our sins to you;
we ask for your mercy.

Enable us to love as you have loved us,

to embrace the ministry of reconciliation you have entrusted to us.

You are God over every nation, language, tribe, skin color, and class.

**Help us to bear witness to the truth in love,
to all who live in your world.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:8-10

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

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

1 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 4:14-30

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What Good News?”

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.

MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou my inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision O Ruler of all.

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: What Good News?