

Soli Deo Gloria

To God Alone be the Glory



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Order of Worship

Call to Worship & Prayer of Praise

Psalm 95:1-7

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

**The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Hymns of Praise

THE SOLID ROCK (*Hymn #511*)

1. 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.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand –
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*
2. When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
3. 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.
4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless o stand before the throne.

IN CHRIST ALONE (*Hymn #506*)

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day...Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home; Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Scripture Reading

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Response

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL (*HYMN #447*)

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, It is well, it is well, with my soul.

It is well, with my soul...It is well, with my soul, It is well, it is well, with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
4. And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, Even so, it is well with my soul.

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Scripture Reading

ISAIAH 62:1-12

- For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
- ² The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.
- ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.
- ⁶ On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen;
all the day and all the night they shall never be silent.

You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest,

⁷ and give him no rest

until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it a praise in the earth.

⁸ The LORD has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:

“I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink your wine
for which you have labored;

⁹ but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the LORD,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in the courts of my sanctuary.”

¹⁰ Go through, go through the gates;
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones;
lift up a signal over the peoples.

¹¹ Behold, the LORD has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:

Say to the daughter of Zion,
“Behold, your salvation comes;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.”

¹² And they shall be called The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD;
and you shall be called Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.

JOHN 3:22-30

After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. ²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized ²⁴ (for John had not yet been put in prison).

²⁵ Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification.

²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him.”

²⁷ John answered, “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.’ ²⁹ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.”

SERMON

“THE BAPTIST & THE BRIDEGROOM”

I. JOHN THE BAPTIST (John 1:19-28; 3:22-30; Mt. 3:1-12)

A. John is the V_____ in the W_____

- He P_____ Israel for the L_____...
- “R_____ of your S_____!”

B. John’s Ministry is D_____...

- He H_____ the V_____ of the Lord
- He P_____ Israel to the L_____ ...

II. JESUS THE BRIDEGROOM (Is. 62; John 3:22-30)

A. Jesus is the L_____ G_____ Himself

- He R_____ & R_____ His People...
- “R_____ in your S_____!”

B. Jesus’ Ministry is INCREASING

- All the W_____ is G_____ to Him
- He W_____ & R_____ them All

III. THE GOSPEL AS A WEDDING (Eph. 5; Rev. 19; 1 Cor. 13)

- The Best Man = our C_____ of S_____
- The Marriage = our J_____ U_____ with Christ...
...Defined by F_____, H_____ and L_____

Hymn of Response

MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS (*Hymn #575*)

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace And gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness And clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness With pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength And causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough For ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness To him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, Whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth Is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all, To love and follow him.

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Prayers of the Church

Special Music

Make Me Like You / Make Me a Servant

Doxology & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Closing Hymn

WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN (*Hymn #603*)

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace
In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place

*When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be
When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout for victory!!!*

While we walk the pilgrim pathway, Clouds will over spread the sky
But when traveling days are over, Not a shadow, not a sigh (Chorus)

Let us then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving everyday
Just one glimpse of Him in glory Will the toils of life repay (Chorus)

Onward to the prize before us, Soon His beauty we'll behold!
Soon the pearly gates will open, We shall tread the streets of gold

Benediction