

As we are unable to meet for public worship, we hope you will either join us at 10am Sunday for worship via Zoom video conference, or make use of this abridged liturgy in your private or family worship. Audio recordings of the sermons will be posted on the website here:

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THE WORD


CALL TO WORSHIP • Revelation 22:17

Let the one who is thirsty come;
let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Text: Matthew Bridges • Music: *Diademata*, George Elvey • Public Domain

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Crown him with man-y crowns, the Lamb up-on his throne; Hark how the heav'n-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own; a-wake, my soul and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy match-less king through all e-ter-ni-ty.'

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4 throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all
7 mu - sic but its own; a - wake, my soul and sing of
11 him who died for thee, and hail him as thy
14 match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Crown him the Lord of love, behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of Heaven, enthroned in worlds above,
crown him the King to whom is given the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall;
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to give sacrificially, but we are begrudging. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that, joined with those from ages past who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the unshakeable kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Proverbs 30:5

Every word of God proves true;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Proverbs 3:9–10

Honor the LORD with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise him, all creatures here below!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 18:1–19

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID, THE SERVANT OF THE LORD, WHO ADDRESSED THE WORDS OF THIS SONG TO THE LORD ON THE DAY WHEN THE LORD DELIVERED HIM FROM THE HAND OF ALL HIS ENEMIES, AND FROM THE HAND OF SAUL. HE SAID:

- 1 I love you, O LORD, my strength.
- 2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
- 3 I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.
- 4 The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;
- 5 the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.
- 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.
From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.
- 7 Then the earth reeled and rocked;
the foundations also of the mountains trembled
and quaked, because he was angry.
- 8 Smoke went up from his nostrils,
and devouring fire from his mouth;
glowing coals flamed forth from him.
- 9 He bowed the heavens and came down;
thick darkness was under his feet.
- 10 He rode on a cherub and flew;
he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.
- 11 He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him,
thick clouds dark with water.
- 12 Out of the brightness before him
hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds.
- 13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens,
and the Most High uttered his voice,
hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 And he sent out his arrows and scattered them;
he flashed forth lightnings and routed them.
- 15 Then the channels of the sea were seen,
and the foundations of the world were laid bare
at your rebuke, O LORD,
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.
- 16 He sent from on high, he took me;
he drew me out of many waters.
- 17 He rescued me from my strong enemy
and from those who hated me,
for they were too mighty for me.
- 18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity,
but the LORD was my support.
- 19 He brought me out into a broad place;
he rescued me, because he delighted in me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

(Elder prays)

And now as our Savior taught us, we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Incense

Text: Psalm 141:2 • Music: Dana Dirksen • © 2004 Dana Dirksen

From *Songs for Saplings: ABC* (songsforsaplings.com)

*May my prayer (may my prayer)
be set before you like incense.*

*May my prayer (may my prayer)
be set before you.*

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be set before you like incense.*

Psalm 141, verse 2.

NEW TESTAMENT READING • Revelation 8:1–5

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ² Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. ³ And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, ⁴ and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. ⁵ Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “Incense Prayers” (Rev. Eric Costa)

CONFESSION OF FAITH • Colossians 1:15-20

Who is Jesus Christ?

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. Amen.

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

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I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come ___
I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be -
I ___ heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I ___



un - to me ___ and rest; Lay ___ down O wear - y one lay down your ___
hold, I free - ly give The ___ liv - ing wa - ter; thirs - ty one, stoop ___
am this dark ___ world's Light; Look ___ unto Me your morn shall rise, and and ___



soul u - pon ___ my breast." I ___ came to Je - sus as I was ___
down, and drink, ___ and live." I ___ came to Je - sus, and I drank of
all your days ___ be bright." I ___ looked to Je - sus, and I found in



wear - y worn ___ and sad I ___ found in Him my rest - ing place and ___
that life - giv - ing stream; My ___ thirst was quenched my soul re - vived and ___
Him my Star, ___ my Sun; and ___ in that light of life I'll walk till ___



He has made ___ me glad.
now I live ___ in Him.
travel - ing days ___ are done.

BENEDICTION • Psalm 20:1-2, 4

May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!

May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion!

May he grant you your heart's desire
and fulfill all your plans!



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