

Online Worship
Mid-Week Worship
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All text in italics is spoken by the leader.
Text in bold is your invitation to join in. Please speak those words as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our light and our salvation,
our refuge and our stronghold.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
we praise your name, O God.
For with you is the fountain of life,
and in your light we see light.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being, and you set light in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you led your people into freedom. Enlighten us by the light of your Christ:

may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PSALMODY (Psalm 141)

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer rise before you as incense; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; in you I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A READING FROM Psalm 104

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with majesty and splendor.*

You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak and stretch out the heavens like a tent. You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers and flames of fire your servants.

You set the earth upon its foundations, so that from now until forever it shall never be moved. You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke the waters fled, scattered by your voice of thunder. They went up into the mountains and descended down to the valleys, to the place where you assigned them. You set the limits that they should not pass; never shall they return to cover the earth again.

You made the springs into rivers that flow between the mountains. All the animals drink their fill from them, and the wild donkeys quench their thirst. Beside them the birds of the air make their nests; among the branches they lift their voice. From your dwelling on high, you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your works.

You make grass grow for the cattle, and plants to serve humankind; that they may bring forth food from the earth, wine to gladden human hearts, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

The trees of the Lord are well supplied, the cedars of Lebanon that you planted, in which the birds build their nests, while the stork makes the fir trees its dwelling. The high hills belong to the mountain goats, and the stony cliffs are a refuge for the badgers.

You made the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows the time of its setting. You bring on darkness that it may be night, in which all the beasts of the forest prowl. The lions roar for their prey seeking their food from God. The sun rises, and they withdraw and lay themselves down in their dens. People go forth to their work and to their labor until the evening.

How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great. There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works. You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed from the earth and the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

*The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

REFLECTION - A Particular God

[by Pastor Marc]

SONG - Come to Us

[played and sung by Argine Safari and David Scance.]

*Scattered and broken,
Bent in our way,
We are Your people
gathered to praise You.
A vineyard uprooted,
Narrow in sight.
Come, Lord of glory!
Come, Lord of light!*

*Come to us, O Lord of glory
and shine in our hearts.
Come to us, O Lord of glory
and make us anew.
Lord, we wait for You.
Lord, we wait for You.
Lord, we wait for You.
Come, Lord of glory.*

*Come to us, O Lord of glory
and shine in our hearts.
Come to us, O Lord of glory
and make us anew.
Lord, we wait for You.
Lord, we wait for You.
Lord, we wait for You.
Come, Lord of glory.*

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and make us anew.
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Lord, we wait for You.
Come, Lord of glory.*

*Come, Lord, our dayspring,
Come from on high,
As we Your people
Gathered to praise You.
Unworthy to taste from
Your heavenly vine,
But Your word will heal us.
Come, light divine.*

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

[A time of silence follows.]

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.***

HOLY COMMUNION

[We invited you to gather a bit of bread (or similar item), drink (wine or grape juice). The elements used during communion remind us of a substantial meal we would eat during a celebration.]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup,

gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit across phone lines, social media, and the internet - let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

You are here, not because you are perfect, but because, through Christ Jesus, you are welcomed and loved.

This is the body of Christ, given for you.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

[After consuming the elements.]

*May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.***

*Let us pray. Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.***

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

As we end this time together, a blessing.

God, the Source of glory,

God, the Word of life,

God, the Spirit of truth

‡ bless you all, now and forever.

Amen.