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PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

July 22, 2018
Trinity Season
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

All the elements of our worship services are designed to strengthen our faith in our promise-keeping God. This is particularly true of the sacraments. One way that we exercise faith in our Lord and His promises is by bringing our children for baptism.

Why do we baptize our children?

• God's covenant promise. We baptize our children because God promises to be their God throughout the Scriptures. The Apostle Peter says at Pentecost that the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit is for “you and your children” (Acts 2:39).

• God’s prescribed pattern. God established a pattern of giving the sign of entrance into the covenant to children of believers in the Old Testament and this pattern is not set aside in the New Testament (Gen. 17:7). Thus, the silence of the New Testament is more an argument for the practice than against it.

• God's new sign. In the New Testament, baptism replaces circumcision as the sign of the covenant (Col. 2:11). Both signs remind us that God’s promise continues to future generations and necessitates the shedding of blood for salvation.

• Historical precedence. In the early church, entire families were baptized when an adult member professed faith in Jesus (Acts 16:15, 33).

• A vivid picture. Baptism points to what Christ’s shed blood accomplishes: the washing away of sin’s guilt and the Spirit being poured out upon us. We celebrate this reality when we baptize an adult who professes faith. We anticipate this reality when we baptize a child of believing parents.

WORSHIP THE KING

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Thine Be the Glory” ..................Alexandre Guilmant Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “O Breath of Life Come Sweeping Through Us”

“Nearer, My God, to Thee” .............. Arron Powell

Arron Powell, violin

CALL TO WORSHIP ..........................................................Barton Kimbro

HYMN OF PRAISE: “O Worship the King” ........................................LYONS
An ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

thunder-clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

scends to the plain; and sweetly dills in the dew and the rain.

firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

INVOCA TION (Please lift hands)

NEW CITY CATECHISM: Question 44 .................. Marjorie Bowman (8:15) Brandon Morrison (11:00)

What is baptism?

Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

DOXOLOGY .................................. OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (8:15)

George Madison Moore, born June 28, 2017, son of Taylor and Richard Moore III
Archer David Moody, born November 30, 2015, son of Lacey and Sam Moody
Mary Hudson Moody, born September 27, 2017, daughter of Lacey and Sam Moody
Charlotte Abigail O’Hare, born November 27, 2017, daughter of Virginia and Micah O’Hare

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: “Jesus Loves You” .................. JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.

RECEIVE THE GRACE OF THE KING

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved You or our neighbors as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone.
Lord, You are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in mercy. There is always forgiveness with You!
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our weary souls. Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us until it has worked in us Your holy will.
It is in the name of Jesus and by the power of Your Spirit we pray.
ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Brethren We Have Met to Worship” arr. Arron Powell

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.
Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumbering on the brink of woe;
Death is coming, hell is moving, can you bear to let them go?
See our fathers and our mothers, and our children sinking down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.
Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses’ sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found;
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around!
Brethren, join your cries to help them;
Sisters, let your prayers abound;
Pray, O, pray that holy blessings may be scattered all around;
Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.

Men’s Choir
Calvin Ellis, Michael Varner, and Geordy Well, soloists
Calvin Ellis, director; Brad Jones, piano

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. Mike Stokke

GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

Hear the Word of the King

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (please stand)

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: “Psalm 84” MELITA

1. Ad-vant ing still from strength to strength they go where oth-er
2. Look thou, O God, up-on our shield; the face of thine a-
3. For God the Lord is shield and sun; the Lord will grace and

pil-grims trod, till each to Zi-on comes at length and
point-ed see; one day with-in thy courts will yield more
glo-ry give. No good will he with-hold from one who
stands be-fore the face of God. Lord God of hosts, my
plead ing hear; O Ja - cob’s God, to me give ear.
blest is he who plac es all his trust in thee!

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 84:7-12
All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON Advancing from Strength to Strength Tim Russell

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 274 “Thine Be the Glory” ............. MACCABAEUS

Benediction (please raise hands)

CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” ....... Diane Bish

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SERMON NOTES July 22, 2018

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