

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

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Psalm 107 (vs 1-3, 17-22, 43)

to the tune of "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good
His steadfast love endures forevermore
Speak out, you who from trouble He redeemed
And gathered from the corners of the world

*Who now is wise? Let him gather his mind
To understand the mercy of the Lord*

Now some were fools and walked rebellious ways
Because of sin they neared the gates of death
They cried out to the Lord in their distress
He sent His word and saved them from the grave!

Let them offer thanksgiving to the Lord
For mercy He has shown to sons of man
Let them offer their sacrifice of thanks
And tell His wondrous works in shouts of joy!

Greeting

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
The Lord is a great God, O that today
you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

~ Psalm 95.3,8

The peace of our Christ be with you;

And also with you!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end, amen, amen.**

The Confession of Sins

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in true repentance and faith. ~ *Psalm 51:17*

... *Silent confession*

*[Sing] Merciful God, we confess to You
before the whole company of heaven
And one another
(x2)
That we have sinned, in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do. Forgive our sins
heal us by your Spirit.
And raise us to new life in Christ, Amen!
And raise us to new life in Christ, Amen!*

Brothers and sisters, know that your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Receive His pardon and His peace. May the Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil.
Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the Assembly

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Have mercy, Lord." For peace within the world and for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, that we would cling to You and cling to our faith, we pray to the Lord:

Have mercy, Lord.

For the members of this congregation, for our elders, for those that have gone out from among us in the service of Christ – Brian & Cindy Denker, and Stephen & Shelley Kennedy – and for others we support – The Britenmosers, I.O.I. and other missionaries, we pray to the Lord:

Have mercy, Lord.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and the orphans, for the sick and injured, for the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, that among the suffering all might see Your purposes and mercies, we pray to the Lord:

Have mercy, Lord.

For pastors, priests, and other called ministers you have raised up from among us:

Have mercy, Lord.

For the leaders of this nation, for the leadership of our state and city, we pray to the Lord:

Have mercy, Lord.

In the communion of Christ Community Church and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our lives, to Christ our God.

Even so, we say, come quickly Lord Jesus.

To You, O Lord our God we pray, have mercy.

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:7-9

⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading: John 3:14-21

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

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Thanks be to God.

The Apostle's Creed

(Tune: 'Come Thou Long Expected Jesus')

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began
We believe in Christ the Savior, Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came

Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, He descended to the dead
We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again

We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love
So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Savior, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end

Highly Exalted

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You were despised You were rejected, Lord
Those who passed by
Even averted their gaze from the sight
Such was the suffering you bore for us

Led like a lamb, a lamb to the slaughter
You spoke not a word, chose to be silent
Though you did no wrong
Nor was deceitfulness found in You

Yet by your wounds our salvation has come
Yet by your suffering our freedom is won

For God has highly exalted Your name
He has enthroned you on high
Jesus, name above all names
For God has highly exalted Your name
He has enthroned you on high
Jesus, name above all names

Sermon - Pastor Dennis Williams

Eucharist

If you are a visitor and you believe in our Lord Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection from the dead for the forgiveness of your sins and you have been baptized, you are welcome to participate in The Eucharist, The Lord's Supper, with us. Unless otherwise instructed, join us at the kneeling bench at the altar. To receive the bread, hold out your hands and an elder or someone appointed to the task will hand you a piece of the bread. In the same manner, a cup will be given to you as well. We serve wine as well as grape juice. If you would like to have the grape juice, simply fold your arms across your chest in an 'X'.

The Sursum Corda:

The Lord is here;
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts;
We lift them to the Lord.

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

The Sanctus:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer:

**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,
the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.**

Blessing of the bread and cup ...

Before the Throne of God Above

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Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb my perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high with Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God.

Our Great God

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Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone

Hallelujah, glory be to our Great God! (2x)

Lord, we are weak and we are frail; we're helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels and hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy-His pleasure is our harm
Rise up O Lord and He will flee before our Sovereign God

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His word

Doxology& Benediction

Announcements

We are having a morning Eucharist service now on Wednesdays at 7 am. Please come if you so desire, and bring a friend if that seems good to you. To receive Eucharist, one should be a baptized Christian.

If you would like to help Angela with the breakfast ministry after the Williamson boy is born, please let her know a couple days in advance.

Wednesday night study is at the Johnson house (Connor and Angela's), where Connor will continue his teaching on Heaven. 6:30 p.m.

Remember the Sunday night prayer service at the Union chapel at 8:30pm.

Dates to Remember:

Lent (current season): February 14 - March 29

Palm Sunday: March 25th

Maundy Thursday: March 29th

Good Friday: March 30th

Easter Sunday: April 1st