

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the King Presbyterian Church

April 10, 2011

Christian Year: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preparation for Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!

Revelation 4:8

You are my God, my Life, my Holy Delight, but is this enough to say of you? Can any man say enough when he speaks of you? Yet woe betide those who are silent about you! For even those who are most gifted with speech cannot find words to describe you.

St. Augustine

Never say any of your idle words to Almighty God. Say your idle words to your equals. Say them to your sovereigns. But, never, as you shall answer for it, -- never, all your days, -- to God.

Alexander Whyte

To worship God as a member of his assembly is like tasting of heaven. It is to be in the Spirit where Christ is and where we shall one day be. It is to begin on earth that praise of God that will be our greatest delight in heaven.

Edmund P. Clowney

*Call to Worship

from Isaiah 6

The Rev. P. Clay Holland

Minister: "In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. And the heavenly creatures called to one another and said:

People: **'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!'"**

*Sanctus

Prince

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of his glo - ry. The whole earth is full of his glo - ry.

The whole earth is full of his glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord!

*Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymn No. 101

TRINITY

*Congregation stands

‡Congregation kneels

***Prayer of Adoration**

Te Deum

Minister: We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Minister: The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy church acclaims you:

People: Father, of majesty unbounded; your true and only Son, worthy of all praise; Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

Minister: You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you took our flesh to set us free, you humbly chose the virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at the Father's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come to be our judge.

People: Come, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. Amen.

‡ God, Be Merciful to Me

Psalm 51/Miner

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart.
Make me pure, thy grace bestow; wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just;
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

‡ Prayer of Confession

Lord, when Isaiah was confronted with your holiness, he exclaimed:
"Woe is me! For I am lost;
for I am a man of unclean lips,
and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Without your mercy, we, too, are lost.
Forgive us for the sins that we commit so readily –
our haughtiness toward other people;
our neglect of those whom you call us to love;
our pride in our accomplishments and position;
our worship of idols –
those lesser gods that we try to find satisfaction in.
Forgive us through the blood of Jesus, our High Priest and advocate.
Our hope is in you alone. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

Isaiah 6:6-7

Minister: After Isaiah's confession, he said, "One of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.'" Jesus, our Great High Priest, has taken away our guilt and atoned for our sins with his blood.

***God Be Merciful to Me**

Psalm 51/Miner

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

***And Can It Be That I Should Gain**

SAGINA

Hymn No. 455 (Stanzas 1, 4-5)

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:19-25
Page 1007 in the black Bibles

Lauren Johnson

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

Bob Hansen

***Thy Mercy, My God**

Stocker/McCracken

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But through thy free goodness my spirits revive
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

***The Peace of God**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

*In the 9:30 service, children (four years old – 2nd grade) are dismissed for Children's Worship.
Parents and guardians, please escort departing children into the Gathering Hall.*

Announcements

The Offering

Elegie from Incidental Music to Les Erinnyes

Massenet

The Sermon

*"The Drama of Worship"
Disciplines of Grace*

Clay Holland

Serving One Another in the Church

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to (and are in good standing with) a church that embraces the Gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to come forward. If you are not a Christian, we invite you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers printed below.

Children who have not received their first communion should come forward with their hands folded and the wine server will pray for them.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People: **Have mercy upon us!**

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People: **Have mercy upon us!**

Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People: **Grant us your peace!**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward.

We would be happy to serve you at your seat.

If you would like gluten-free communion bread, please request it from your server.

We serve wine during communion. If you prefer grape juice, please request it when served.

Communion Prayers

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live in him and he in me. Amen.

Here I Am, Lord

Schutte

“I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

Those who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" (*Refrain*)

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" (*Refrain*)

Round the Lord in Glory Seated

Mant/Osenga

Round the Lord in glory seated, cherubim and seraphim
Filled his temple, and repeated each to each the heav'nly hymn:

Refrain:

"Lord, your glory fills the heaven,
earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto you be glory given, holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Heav'n is still with glory ringing, earth takes up the angels' cry,
"Holy, holy, holy," singing, "Lord of Hosts, the Lord Most High."
(*Refrain*)

Thus your glorious name confessing, we adopt the angels' cry,
"Holy, holy, holy," blessing you, the Lord of Hosts Most High.
(*Refrain*)

Holy, Holy, Holy
Hymn No. 100

NICAEA

***Concluding Prayer**

Lord God Almighty, we thank you that you are present with us in this holy meal. May it strengthen us as we work to extend your kingdom in the world. We praise you, O God, and thank you that you have chosen us to be your instruments as you spread your church not only here in Houston, but around the world. Amen.

***Charge and Benediction**

Minister: May the Sovereign Lord send you into the world to do his work as you worship him every moment of your life. And may the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, rest upon you always.

People: **Amen.**

Serving in Corporate Worship today: Mark Austin, trumpet; Cindy Cook, organ; Carrie Kauk, violin;
Mark Miller, piano; Eric Priest, guitar; Alec Warren, percussion; Amy Wiggs, flute; Steven Wiggs, cello.

Erica DiBella and John Pisklak, vocalists.
Cody Dick (9:30) and Mike McClure (11:00), worship assistants.

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