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# GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

*God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.*

## Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

### Sung Introit—All Creatures of Our God and King, Vs 6

Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And wor - ship Him in hum - ble -  
ness, O - - praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the  
Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One! O - - praise Him! O - -  
praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, c. 1225, Tr William Draper, 1919; Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Cologne, 1623.

### Call to Worship—Psalm 24:1-4, 7-10

Pastor: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

All: for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Pastor: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

All: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

All: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

All: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

### Hymn of Praise—Rejoice, O Pure in Heart

Re - joice, O pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
Bright youth and snow - crowned age, both men and wom - en, raise  
Still lift your stan - dard high, still chant - ing as you go,  
At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest,  
Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom - we a - dore:

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
 on high your free, ex - ult - ing song, de - clare God's won - drous praise.  
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.  
 the pil - grims reach their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.  
 the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, one God for - ev - er - more.

Re - jice, re - jice, re - jice, give thanks, and sing!  
 re - jice, re - jice,

Text: E.H. Plumptre, 1865; Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1883.

### Hymn of Praise—Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -  
 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor  
 To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small; In all life Thou  
 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine an - gels a -

ces - i - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of  
 wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a -  
 liv - est, the true life of all; We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the  
 dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all praise we would ren - der; O help us to

Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 bove thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 tree, And with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth Thee.  
 see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; Music: ST. DENIO, Traditional Welsh Melody.

+++Latecomers Please Wait to be Seated+++

## New Testament Reading—Hebrews 10:19-25

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

*The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

## Sung Response—Search Me, O God

Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day;  
Lord, take my life, and make it whol - ly thine;

try me, O Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray.  
fill my poor heart with thy great love di - vine.

See if there be some wick - ed way in me;  
Take all my will, my pas - sion, self, and pride;

cleanse me from eve - ry sin and set me free.  
I now sur - ren - der, Lord. In me a - bide.

Text: J. Edwin Orr, 1936; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2018. © 2018 Greyfriars Press, Used by Permission.

## Corporate Confession of Sin—based on 2 Timothy 2:14-17, 22-26

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We desire to present ourselves to you as one approved,  
as workers who have no need to be ashamed and who rightly handle your word of truth.

All: But too often we find ourselves quarreling about words or ideas  
which does no good but only ruins the listeners.

Pastor: This irreverent babble leads people into more and more ungodliness and away from the word of truth.

All: Father, help us flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace. May we call on your name from a pure heart.

Pastor: May we have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies that breed quarrels.

All: Lord, help us to not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, correcting others with gentleness.

Pastor: May God grant us repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth and may we come to our senses and escape the snare of the devil.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon—based on Colossians 1:10, 13-14

Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### Hymn of Praise—The Earth With All That Dwells

The earth, with all that dwell there - in, With all its wealth un - told, Be - longs to God, who  
Lo, such are they that seek for God And blest by Him they live To them His per - fect  
Ye ev - er - last - ing doors, give way, Lift up your heads, ye gates! For now, be - hold, to

found - ed it Up - on the seas of old. What man shall stand be - fore the Lord On  
right - eous - ness The God of grace will give. Who is this glor - ious King that comes? To  
en - ter in The King of Glo - ry waits. Who is this glor - ious King that comes To

Zi - on's ho - ly hill? The clean of hand, the pure of heart, The just who does His will.  
claim His sov - reign right? It is the Lord om - ni - po - tent All con - quering in His might.  
claim His right - ful throne? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King Of glo - ry, God a - lone.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912, Psalm 24; Music: KINGSFOLD, Old English Folk Song

# GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

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## The Reading of the Word—Matthew 5:1-8

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: **But the Word of our God will stand forever.**

## Sermon—Blessed: Life in the Kingdom of God, Part 6

*Blessed are the Pure in Heart*

—Tony Giles, *Assistant Pastor*

## Sung Response—Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Way of Truth, Vs I

Teach me, O Lord, Thy way of truth, And from it I will not de - part; That

I may stead - fast - ly o - bey, Give me an un - der - stand - ing heart.

Text: Joseph P. Holbrook, ca. 1878; Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis, ca. 1567.

## Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven

and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We 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.

\* “Catholic” refers to the universal church of God’s people throughout all time and from all places

## Sung Response—Holy God We Praise Your Name, Vs 4

Ho - ly Fath - er, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name You;  
 While in es - sence onl - y One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You; And a -  
 dor - ing bend the knee, While we sing this my - ster - y.

Text: Based on *Te Deum*, 4<sup>th</sup> c., Attr Ignace Franz, 1774; Music: GROSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774.

## Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

### Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

*The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.*

*If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.*

*At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.*

## Psalm for July—Psalm 84: They Are Blessed

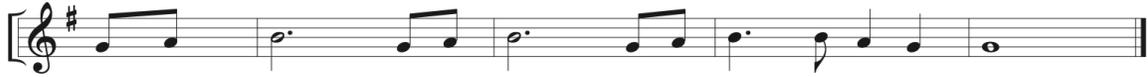
O God of hosts, the might - y Lord, How love - ly is the place  
 So blessed are they who choice has You Their sure pro - tec - tion made;  
 For God, who is our sun and shield, Will grace and glo - ry give;

Where You, en - throned in glo - ry, show, The bright-ness of Your face.  
 Who long to tread the sa - cred ways That lead in - to Your Land.  
 And no good thing will He with - hold From them that just - ly live.

O Lord of hosts, my king and God, How high - ly blessed are they  
 For in Your courts one sin - gle day 'Tis bet - ter to at - tend,  
 The heav'n - ly hosts o - bey you, Lord And high - ly blessed are they



Who in Your tem - ple al - ways dwell, And there Your praise dis - play.  
 Than, Lord, in an - y place be - sides A thou - sand days to spend.  
 Who place their hope and trust in You And rest in You al - ways.



They are blessed, they are blessed, they are blessed for - ev - er - more.  
 They are blessed, they are blessed, they are blessed for - ev - er - more.  
 You are blessed, you are blessed, you are blessed for - ev - er - more.

Text: Nahum Tate & Nicholas Brady, 1696, Mod 2019; Music: Greyfriars Press, 2019.

## Hymn of Communion—Psalm 73 O God, How Good Thou Art



O God, how good Thou art To all the pure of heart, Though life seems  
 Ev - er, O Lord, with Thee, All shall be well with me, Held by Thy  
 In earth or Heaven a - bove Who is there that I love Com - pared with  
 O it is good that I May still to God draw nigh, As oft be -



vain. Bur - dened with an - xious care, I groped in dark des -  
 hand. And Thou wilt guide my feet By Thine own coun - sel  
 Thee? My heart may faint with fears, But God my strength ap -  
 fore. The Lord Je - ho - vah blessed, My re - fuge and my



pair, Till in Thy house of prayer, All was made plain.  
 sweet, Till I, for glo - ry meet, In glo - ry stand.  
 pears, And will to end - less years My por - tion be.  
 rest, Shall be in praised con - fessed For - ev - er - more.

CCLI #11121087 Text: Psalm 73, The Psalter, 1912; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2012.

### Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

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

*Prayer of Belief.* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Commitment.* Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

# GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### *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 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 Praise—Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

Je - sus draw me ev - er near - er As I la - bor through the  
Je - sus guide me through the tem - pest; Keep my spir - it staid and  
Let the trea - sures of the tri - al Form with - in me as I  
storm. You have called me to this pass - age, and I'll fol - low, though I'm  
sure. When the mid - night meets the morn - ing, Let me love You ev - en  
go - And at the end of this long pass - age, Let me leave them at Your  
worn. May this jour - ney bring a bless - ing, May I rise on wings of faith; And at the  
more. throne.  
end of my heart's test - ing, With Your like - ness let me wake.

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# GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

## Benediction—from Philippians I:9-II

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. *Amen.*

## Sung Response—Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, Vs 4

Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be.

Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee;

Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747; Music: HYFRYDOL, R.H. Prichard, 1831.

**Prayer Focus**—Jessica (Jes) Greene is a Franklin native, graduate of New College Franklin and missionary with the PCA’s Mission to the World (MTW). In April, she arrived in Athens, Greece where she’ll be serving for the next 3 years alongside the Greek Evangelical Church, a Presbyterian denomination with close ties to the PCA. She’s currently helping plant a new church in Athens, discipling young believers, participating in evangelism and writing the stories of what God is doing amongst the refugee population in Athens. With a background in journalism and writing, she hopes to use her skills to tell the world how God is calling the refugees of Athens to Himself and changing lives forever. Please pray for Jes in the following ways:

1. My residency permit is currently waiting to be approved. Please pray for a smooth and quick process as bureaucracy here is hard to navigate.
2. Since arriving, I’ve had clarity in how to serve our national partners which is a gift from God! The work the Greek Evangelical Church is doing in the refugee home they run is beautiful beyond compare and I feel very led to write about the work and how the refugees lives are being changed and transformed. Please pray for me as I work on this project to tell the stories of how God is calling His people to Himself and sanctifying the Church day by day.
3. Please pray for the refugee house. It currently holds 8 families but is about to add 2 more. This can change the dynamic a lot and we’re praying for a peaceful and natural transition.
4. Please pray for the Pangrati church plant. Pangrati is an artistic neighborhood in central Athens that has zero evangelical presence. We have a space where we’re trying to build relationships within the community and start a bible study. We’ve already hosted an English Club, something that will continue in the Fall, and I will be teaching a course on writing creative nonfiction as a way to give back to the community. Please pray that God would open the doors for meaningful relationships in Pangrati and opportunities to share the gospel.
5. Please pray for the two girls I have recently begun disciplining; one is a 22-year-old Greek Christian who is isolated with few Christian friends and the other is a 17-year-old Iranian Christian refugee currently looking for illegal ways to move to Germany and be with her father. They’re both in hard situations, but God is faithfully meeting them as we go discuss theological books and throw ourselves into bible studies.
6. For my relationships with the refugees as we grow to know each other better.

Today's message "Blessed are the Pure in Heart" is taken from Matthew 5:8. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends or Home Fellowship Group.

1. Read Matthew 5:2-7, Matthew 15:18-20 and Romans 7:21-8:1. Discuss the following statement: "The only way to have a pure heart is to realize that you have an impure heart and mourn about it to such an extent that you do that which alone can lead to cleansing and purity."
2. If a pure heart is one "without hypocrisy" and "without defilement" which of the two aspects is the hardest battle for you currently? How does the mercy of God (Matt 5:7) make a difference in your battle?
3. Read I Peter 1:8. If "the joy of faith" be such as Peter describes, what will "the joy of vision" be? Read Psalm 17:15. How will the "one day" vision of God be satisfying? (Use your "sanctified imagination" to answer both questions.)
4. Read Hebrews 11:27. How would "seeing God" with the eyes of faith produce endurance? Can you think of any instances of that in your own life? Describe.
5. Take some time to ask God for a glimpse of his beauty and a dose of endurance to fuel your pursuit of a sincere and undivided heart. Thank him for Jesus' clean hands and pure heart (Ps 24:3-5) that have become your righteousness by faith in him. 2 Cor 5:21.

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