

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Gospel in the Lord's Supper

This is the heart of the theology of the sacraments, particularly the Lord's Supper... —that Christ took what was ours that he might give us what was his. He takes our broken sinful humanity and cleanses it by his self-sanctifying life of communion with the Father, his obedience, death and resurrection. And now he comes back to us in the power of the Spirit to give himself to us in an act where he gives us back our humanity, now renewed in him, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you." ... The body on which we feed is the body he assumed for our sakes, that in our worship we might be sanctified by the once and for all self-offering of Christ. In the communion of the Spirit, in virtue of this exchange, we know that his humanity is our humanity so graciously assumed, his death is our death which we show forth, his life is our life till he comes, his self-offering our offering, his communion with the Father our communion into which he lifts us by his Spirit. The Lord's Supper, as an evangelical ordinance, enshrines very vividly the inner meaning of the gospel.

James B. Torrance

~ Worship, Community and the Triune God of Grace

JANUARY 19, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

We are glad you decided to come and worship our God and Father through his Son Jesus Christ by His Spirit with us today! We are a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America, with deep roots in the reformed catholic¹ tradition. Our mission is to glorify and enjoy God through faithful worship and proclamation of the Gospel, and our goal is to embody the love of God in Christ through our words and deeds, including practical, generous acts of love and service.

We want you to feel welcome, and we've prepared this guide to help you enter body and soul into worship. We deeply believe that worship is not just watching and listening; we are called to be active and engaged in the dialog between the covenant God who speaks and his people who respond. Please note:

- the words of Scripture are in *italics*,
 - **boldface type** indicates congregational participation,
 - words in *red* are guides to what's happening, and
 - the † symbol means everyone stands, as able.
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We have coffee and snacks in the fellowship hall following worship. We hope you will stay for a while so that we can get to know one another a little bit.

If you would like to seek prayer or physical help for any need; if you have questions about anything you have heard or about

- who Jesus is,
- what he has done, or
- why that matters;

or if you would simply like to connect with our pastor, feel free to reach out after the service, or email Pastor Frank at gracepreswt@gmail.com.

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¹We are catholic Christians because we are in communion with that Church from which the Gospel is spread throughout the world (St. Augustine, 2nd Homily on 1 John).

LORD'S DAY DIVINE SERVICE

The Welcome and Announcements

*Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?"
~ Mark 10:51*

The Prelude

*Take a moment to prepare in silence for worship
and to pray for God's assistance to worship him rightly.*

GOD CALLS US | WE GATHER TOGETHER AND PRAISE HIM

The Apostolic Greeting

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

† The Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

*In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,
Amen!*

The LORD be with you!

And with your spirit!

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. Let us worship God.

† The Hymn of Praise, p. 10

Te Deum: You Are the God We Praise

† Please stand, as able

†The Opening Prayer

Prayers for Common Worship (1936)

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. (Daniel 2:20)

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

†The *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

GOD CLEANSSES US | WE CONFESS OUR SINS

The Call to Confession

Psalms 130:3-4

Beloved in the Lord! In the assurance of faith, let us confess our sins to God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

The Confession of Sin, *in unison*

Book of Common Prayer

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have offended against your holy laws and followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

But you, O Lord, have mercy on us, miserable offenders. Spare those who confess their sins. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant, most merciful Father, for his sake that we may from now on live a holy, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name...

Take a moment of silence to confess your particular sins to God through Jesus Christ our Advocate and Shield who sits at the God's right hand.

The Proclamation of Forgiveness

2 Thessalonians 2:13b-14

God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ

The Prayer for Grace, *in unison* Order of Worship for the Reformed Church in the U.S.

Let us lift up our hearts to God in heaven.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

Let us pray together to the Lord:

O God, the Fountain of all truth and grace, who has called us out of darkness into marvelous light by the glorious gospel of your Son: Grant to us power, we beseech you, to walk in a manner worthy of this calling, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. that we may have our fruit unto holiness, and the end: everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

GOD CONSECRATES US | WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND OFFERING

The Offering Prayer and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

GOD SPEAKS TO US | WE HEAR IN FAITH

The Scripture Readings for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 62:1-5*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

† The Gospel Reading: *John 2:1-11*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Psalm, p.11

Psalm 31:1-8, 23, 24

The Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?

The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon

GOD COMMUNES WITH US | WE EAT AND DRINK
WITH THE LORD AND ONE ANOTHER

The Invitation to the Meal and Fencing of the Table

†The Hymn of Preparation, p. 12

And Can It Be That I Should Gain, vv. 1-3

†The Confession of Our Faith, p. 14, *in unison*

The Nicene Creed

†The Passing of the Peace

1 Corinthians 6:11; Romans 5:1

You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

†The Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26-29

†The Prayer of Humble Access, *in unison* *Book of Common Prayer (1552)*

We do not presume to come to this your table, O Merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord who ever loves to show mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his cup, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. AMEN.

The Prayer of Consecration

Book of Common Prayer (1552)

The Serving of the Elements

Brothers and sisters, lift your eyes from the visible elements and lift up your heart to heaven, where Christ is now, seated at the right hand of the Father, from where he will come again to complete our redemption. In him alone are all the promises of God fulfilled and all spiritual blessings found.

Come to the Table now in joy of heart, in Spirit-wrought unity, in holy love, and partake of the Feast of Christ, giving thanks for the great love that God has shown us.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

WE FOLLOW GOD'S SPIRIT

†The Hymn of Response, p. 12

And Can It Be That I Should Gain, v. 4

The Prayer of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer, *in unison*

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.

GOD COMMISSIONS AND BLESSES US | WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

† Closing Hymn

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

May the grace of Christ our Savior
and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favor,
rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
with each other and the Lord,
and possess, in sweet communion,
joys which earth cannot afford.

Amen.

† The Song of Simeon, *in unison*

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. AMEN.

† The Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

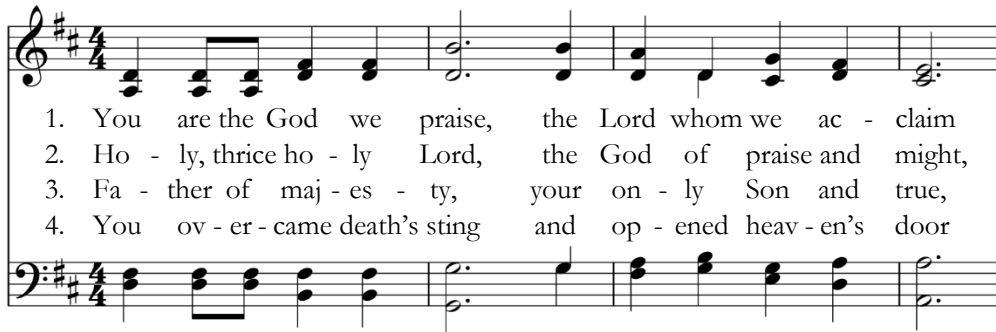
The Benediction and the People's Amen

Numbers 6:24-26

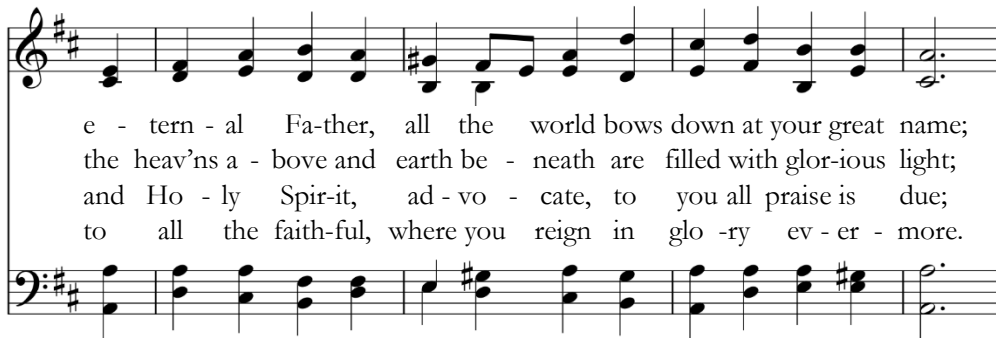
The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. AMEN.

Sermon Notes

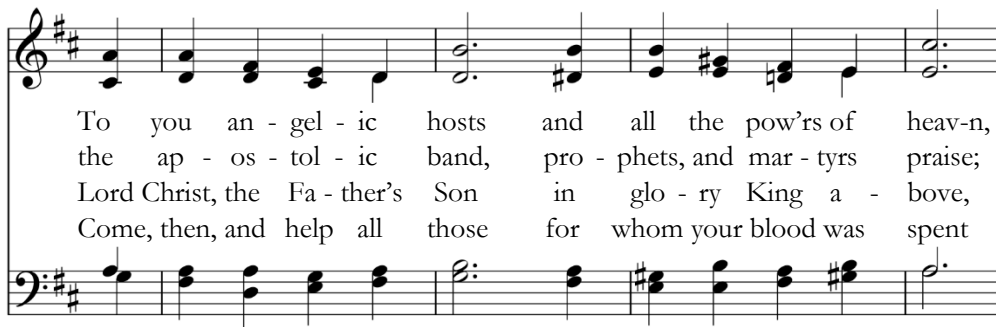
You Are the God We Praise



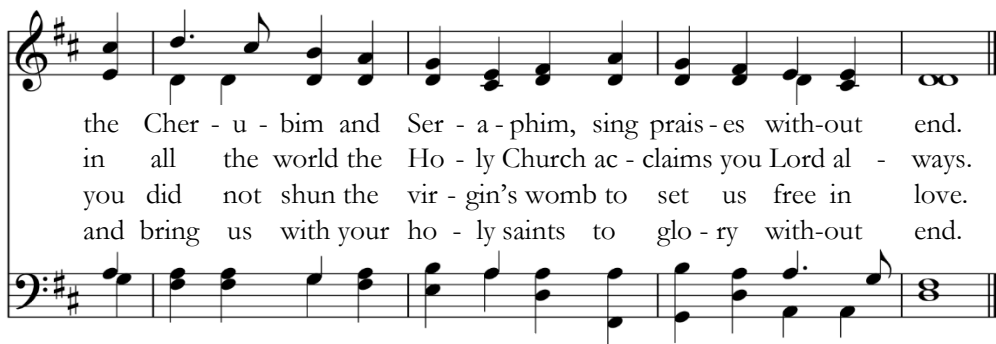
1. You are the God we praise, the Lord whom we ac - claim
 2. Ho - ly, thrice ho - ly Lord, the God of praise and might,
 3. Fa - ther of maj - es - ty, your on - ly Son and true,
 4. You ov - er - came death's sting and op - ened heav - en's door



e - tern - al Fa - ther, all the world bows down at your great name;
 the heav'ns a - bove and earth be - neath are filled with glor - ious light;
 and Ho - ly Spir - it, ad - vo - cate, to you all praise is due;
 to all the faith - ful, where you reign in glo - ry ev - er - more.



To you an - gel - ic hosts and all the pow'rs of heav - n,
 the ap - os - tol - ic band, pro - phets, and mar - tyrs praise;
 Lord Christ, the Fa - ther's Son in glo - ry King a - bove,
 Come, then, and help all those for whom your blood was spent



the Cher - u - bim and Ser - a - phim, sing prais - es with - out end.
 in all the world the Ho - ly Church ac - claims you Lord al - ways.
 you did not shun the vir - gin's womb to set us free in love.
 and bring us with your ho - ly saints to glo - ry with - out end.

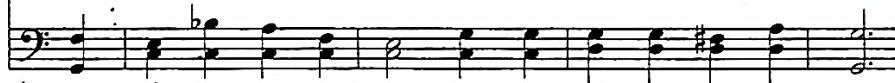
Psalm 31:1-8, 23, 24



1. ¹In You, LORD, I take ref - uge; Let shame not come to me.
 2. ³You are my rock and for - tress; For Your name lead and guide.
 3. ⁶I hate those serv - ing i - dols; But in the LORD I rest.



In righ - teous - ness give an - swer; Set me at lib - er - ty.
⁴Be - - cause You are my strong - hold, Free me from nets they hide.
⁷Your love gives me great glad - ness; You saw me when op - pressed.



²O has - ten to my res - cue, And to my plea give heed;
⁵In - to Your hand my spir - it I now en - trust to You;
 . You knew my soul's af - flic - tion, ⁸And kept me from my foe.



O be my rock and ref - uge, A for - tress in my need.
 Be - cause You have re - deemed me, LORD God whose word is true.
 My feet You have es - tab - lished, Where they can safe - ly go.



²³O love the LORD, you godly! The LORD the faithful keeps.

But one whose deeds are haughty, Full recompense he reaps.

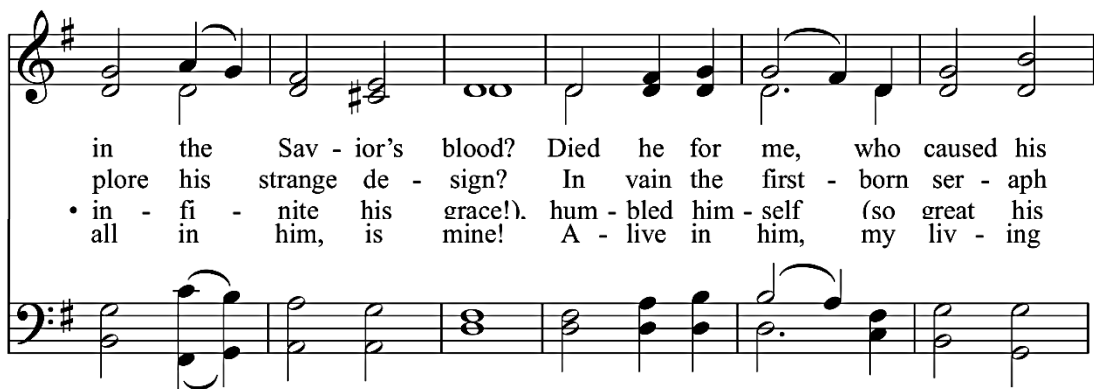
²⁴So then, be strong and steadfast, And let your heart be brave;

All you who wait with patience, Wait on the LORD to save.

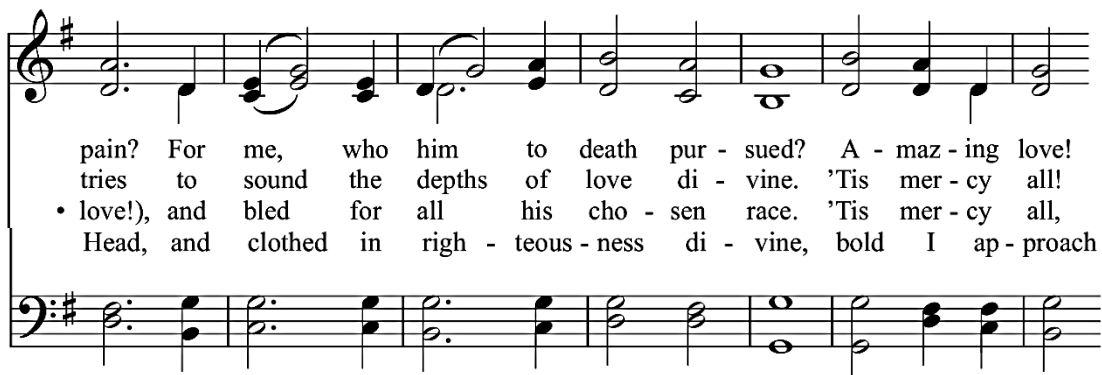
And Can It Be That I Should Gain



1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and



in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
 • in - fi - nite his grace!). hum - bled him - self (so great his
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing



pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 Let earth adore, let angel minds in -
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

Refrain

die for me?
 quire no more.
 • found out me. A - maz - ing love! How can it
 Christ, my own. A - maz - ing love! How

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 can it be that thou, my God,

The Nicene Creed

WE BELIEVE IN one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

AND IN one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;

Who for us, and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

And he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

AND WE BELIEVE IN the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;

AND WE BELIEVE IN one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

AND WE LOOK for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible study on the book of Job will not meet this Thursday evening as the Harrymans are out of town.

NOTES ON COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion, is one of the means by which Christ graciously blesses his people. We believe that the whole Christ—body, soul, and divinity—is present to the believer by the power of his Spirit. In it, our Lord assures us of his atonement for us, the forgiveness of our sins, even as he strengthens and nourishes us in our life of faithful discipleship. Grace welcomes to Communion all who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, and who, having been baptized, are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel. Children who have made a public profession of faith and been admitted by the elders to the Table are able to share in Communion.

Please note:

- The inner rings of cups contain wine, the outer ring grape juice.
- Gluten-free bread (rice and corn flour based) is available.
- Our custom is to wait until everyone has been served, whereupon we eat and drink together.
- After the service, please place your empty cup in the basket provided near the entrance.

*We are God's people.
We proclaim Christ,
who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
In him we are
Taught by the Truth and
Liberated by the Life to
Walk in the Way.
The goal of our instruction is love
for God and neighbor
that flows from a pure heart and
a clear conscience and
a sincere faith.*



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