



Order of Service
Sunday Evening, 10 October 2021 – Rev Dr Philip Stewart

Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

Call to Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Bible reading

Psalm 103

- 103** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
⁶ The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger for ever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.
¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;
¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,
¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.
¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.
²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!
²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!
²² Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Psalm 20:1-6 (Tune: Mainzer, 157)

1 May the LORD answer you when you cry in distress; 5 With joy we will shout when your victory's won;
May Jacob's God keep you, whose name you confess. We'll lift up our banners in God's name alone.
2 May God send assistance from his holy place, And so may the LORD hear your earnest request,
And grant you from Zion support by his grace. And answer your prayers as seems to him best.

3 May God keep in mind every sacrifice made; 6 Now truly I know that the LORD from above
Accept on the altar your offerings laid. Protects his anointed in covenant love;
4 And may he fulfil the desire of your heart— From heav'n in his holiness God hears his cry,
Success to each one of your plans to impart. And saves by the pow'r of his right hand on high.

Prayer of Confession & Supplication

Psalm 103:12-22 (Tune: St Denio, 318)

12 As far as east is from the west, 19 God's kingly rule is over all;
So far his love has borne away In heavèn he has set his throne.
Our many sins and trespasses 20 O you his angels, praise the LORD,
And all the guilt that on us lay. Strong ones by whom his will is done.
13 Just as a father loves his child, 21 O praise the LORD, you heavenly hosts,
So God loves those who fear his name. His servants who perform his word.
14 For he remembers we are dust, 22 Praise God, his works throughout his realm,
And well he knows our feeble frame. And you, my soul, O praise the LORD!

15 Each human life is like the grass,
And like a meadow flower it grows.
16 Its place will never be recalled
Once over it the tempest blows.
17 But everlasting is God's love
For those who fear him, and their seed—
18 For those who keep his covenant,
And carefully his precepts heed.

Sermon

Christ is Made the Sure Foundaiton

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Christ is made the sure foundation, Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
Christ the head and cornerstone; what they ask of Thee to gain;
Chosen of the Lord and precious, what they gain from Thee forever
binding all the church in one; with the blessed to retain,
holy Zion's help forever, and hereafter in Thy glory
and her confidence alone. evermore with Thee to reign.

To this temple, where we call Thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
With Thy faithful loving-kindness
hear Thy people as they pray,
and Thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One;
One in might and One in glory,
while unending ages run.

Benediction