

Order of Service Sunday Morning, 21 January 2024 – Rev Thomas Penman

Call to Worship

Song of Adoration: Psalm 103:1-11 (Tune: Before the Throne, 178)

1 Praise God, my soul! With all my heart Let me exalt his holy name. 2 Forget not all his benefits;

His praise, my soul, in song proclaim.

3 The LORD forgives you all your sins,
And heals your sickness and distress;
4 Your life he rescues from the grave,
And crowns you in his tenderness.

5 He satisfies your deep desires From his unending stores of good, So that, just like the eagle's strength, Your youthful vigour is renewed. 6 The LORD is known for righteous acts And justice to downtrodden ones. 7 To Moses he made known his ways, His mighty deeds to Israel's sons. 8 The LORD is merciful and kind,
To anger slow, and full of grace.
9 He will not constantly reprove,
Or in his anger hide his face.
10 He does not punish our misdeeds,
Or give our sins their just reward.
11 How great his love—as high as heaven—

Towards all those who fear the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration with 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.

Bible reading

John 11 (p 897)

Song of Confession: Sing Scripture 55: Saved by Grace (Titus 3:3-8; Tune: Aurelia)

1. At one time we were foolish and disobeyed the Lord, enslaved by all the pleasures our passions can afford; Deceived by their false promise, we lived in enmity with everyone around us in hate and jealousy.

2. But when God's love and kindness towards us was made known, he purchased our salvation not through good works we've done, but in his grace and mercy he saved us from our sin, renewed us by his Spirit and cleansed our hearts within.

3. For our regeneration the Holy Spirit came, poured out upon us freely through Christ our Saviour's name; so, justified by mercy, we have this hope through grace, as heirs of life eternal, that we shall see his face.

4. This saying is trustworthy and therefore should be stressed, so that our lives may honour the faith we have professed; so let us be committed to doing what is right, for this is useful for us and pleasing in God's sight.

Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (communal reading)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Thanksgiving: Psalm 16:8-11 (Tune: Golden Hill, 7)

8 Before me constantly 10 For you will not allow I set the LORD alone. my soul in death to stay,

Because he is at my right hand Nor will you leave your Holy One

I'll not be overthrown. to see the tomb's decay.

9 Therefore my heart is glad: 11 You have made known to me

my tongue with joy will sing. the path of life divine.

My body too will rest secure Bliss shall I know at your right hand;

in hope unwavering. joy from your face will shine.

Sermon: The Love that Conquers Death

Song of Response: We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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We will feast in the house of Zion We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things, we will say together He has done great things, we will say together

We will feast and weep no more We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire Every vow we've broken and betrayed

He is the Lord, our God You are the faithful One

We are not consumed by the flood And from the garden to the grave Upheld, protected, gathered up Bind us together, bring shalom

We will feast in the house of Zion We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things, we will say together He has done great things, we will say together

We will feast and weep no more We will feast and weep no more

In the dark of night, before the dawn My soul, be not afraid For the promised morning, oh how long Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Benediction

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