

Order of Service Sunday Evening, 21 January 2024 – Rev Andy Longwe

Call to Worship

Song of Adoration: Glory be to God the Father

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Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit:
great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory; glory, glory,
while eternal ages run!
Glory to the King of angels,
glory to the Church's King,
glory to the King of nations;
heav'n and earth your praises bring!
Glory, glory; glory, glory,
to the King of glory sing!

Glory be to him who loved us,
washed us from each spot and stain;
glory be to him who bought us,
made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory; glory, glory,
to the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
thus the choir of angels sings;
Honour, riches, pow'r, dominion!
thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory; glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings!

Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Song of Assurance: Psalm 130 (Tune: Martyrdom, 71)

1 LORD, from the depths I call to you;
2 Lord, hear me from on high
And give attention to my voice
when I for mercy cry.

5 I wait—my soul waits—for the LORD;
my hope is in his word.
6 More than the watchman waits for dawn
my soul waits for the Lord.

3 LORD, in your presence who can stand, if you our sins record?
4 But yet forgiveness is with you, that we may fear you, LORD.
7 O Isr'el, put your hope in God, for mercy is with him 8 And full redemption. From their sins his people he'll redeem.

Bible reading

Numbers 28-30 (p 134)

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 27-28 (communal reading)

Q27. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Q28. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

Song of Thanksgiving: Psalm 51:10-19 (Tune: Ottawa, 239)

10 Lord, create a pure heart in me, and a steadfast mind renew.
11 Do not take your Spirit from me; cast me not away from you.
12 Give me back the joy I had; keep my willing spirit glad.

13 Then I'll teach your ways to sinners; rebels will turn back to you.
14 Free me from blood-guilt, my Saviour, God most merciful and true.
Then I'll praise your righteousness;
15 teach my lips your name to bless.

16 Sacrifice does not delight you, else my tribute I would bring; Nor do you take any pleasure in a whole burnt offering.
17 Contrite heart as sacrifice you, O God, will not despise.

18 Let your blessing rest on Zion; build Jerus'lem's walls again.
19 Sacrifices then will please you—bulls upon your altar slain,
Off'rings made for your delight, truly righteous in your sight.

Sermon: Offerings, Feasts and Oaths

Song of Response: Sing Scripture 28: Our True and Proper Service (Romans 12)

1. In view of all God's mercies Revealed in Jesus Christ, to God present your bodies, a living sacrifice, In holiness committed, well-pleasing to our God, Your true and proper service and worship of the Lord.

- 2. And be conformed no longer to this world and its way; Instead you must be transformed, your mind renewed each day, For then you will be able to test and prove God's will As pleasing, good and perfect, Which he will yet fulfil.
- 3. You must not think more highly Of self than how you ought, But think with sober judgement, just as you have been taught, According to the measure of faith that God has given To you and each believer By grace sent down from heaven.

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- 4. As in a human body each member plays its part In keeping with its function, which God planned from the start, So we makeup, though many, one body in the Lord, Belonging to each other according to his word.
- 5. The gifts we have are different, depending on God's grace, Which he has lavished on us, and each one has its place; So let us use our gifting in following God's word To serve our fellow creatures and glorify our Lord.

Benediction

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