

GATHERING -

PRELUDE | "INTRODUCTION AND TOCCATA IN G MAJOR" (WILLIAM WALOND)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 124:8

- Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- » Who made heaven and earth.

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP | FROM PSALM 67

- > May the peoples praise you, God;
- » May all the peoples praise you.
- > May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
- » For you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of all the earth.
- > May the peoples praise you, God;
- » May all the peoples praise you.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE | "COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING"

MUSIC ON PAGE 2

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS" HYMNAL #492



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SONG OF CONFESSION | "I CONFESS TO GOD, THE ALMIGHTY"



SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT | FROM HEBREWS 4:14-16

- > Since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.
- » For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.
- > Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,
- » So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Spend some time praying aloud for the following topics, and for concerns in your life and community:

Pray for racial justice and peace for our city and nation, and that God would enable the church to be an instrument of healing racial divides.

Pray that God would give wisdom and help to our health experts, and that treatments and vaccines would be discovered.

Give thanks for the baptism of Evalyn Louise Henderson, daughter of Anna and Keith Henderson, on June 2. Pray that we, along with the Grove parish area, would support the Hendersons as they seek to raise Evie in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).

Pray for health: Juan and Gabriel Ledon, Bradley Crawford, Keena Harwood, Donna Wells, Gretchen Gravely, Christie Geraty, Erika Gouverneur, Milton Jones

Pray for comfort for the loss of loved ones: Tam Bishop (husband Brad, 6/1); Kay Lynch (father, 5/15); Scott and Rob Cox (mother Connie, 5/12); Sue Reed (mother, 5/8); John Dean (5/4); Paul Newell (father), Jimmie Massie (mother, 5/3); Rich Hines (wife, 4/27); Peg Shealy (mother, 4/19); Elizabeth Massie (mother, 4/11); René Shouse (mother, 4/9); Libbie Cornett (mother, 4/2)

Gathering our prayers into one, let us boldly pray as our Savior has taught us:

» 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 for ever. Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, take a few moments to pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able, either with those in your home, or by sending a text to other friends and family watching.

THANKSGIVING —

OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- > Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.

To give online, visit thirdrva.org/generosity.

Please pray for our mission partner Elijah House Academy, a local Christian school, and for head of school Jesse Kell and staff. Pray for nurture of the students that attend, that they would learn and thrive.

OFFERTORY | "JOY"

There's beauty in my brokenness.
I've got true love instead of pain.
There's freedom, though you've captured me.
I've got joy instead of mourning.

You give me joy Down deep in my soul, Down deep in my soul, Down deep in my soul.

Never been so free, caught in your love for me. Never been more secure, knowing your heart, Lord.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PROCLAIMING

THE APOSTLES' CREED

- > Christians, what do you believe?
- » I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall 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.

SCRIPTURE READING | ISAIAH 65:17-25

- "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.
- But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.
- I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.
- "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.
- They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat.
 For as the days of a tree,

so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.

- They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them.
- Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.
- The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,"

says the Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING | REVELATION 21:1-5

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

- > This is the word of the Lord.
- » Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE | "THE LIFE EVERLASTING"

SENDING

SONG OF COMMISSION | "WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION"

We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored. "He has done great things," we will say together. "We will feast and weep no more."

We will not be burned by the fire. He is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood—upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn: my soul, be not afraid.

For the promised morning, oh, how long? O God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed. You are the faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION | FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

- > We do not lose heart! Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.
- » So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

POSTLUDE | "PRELUDE IN CLASSIC STYLE" (GORDON YOUNG)