

Prelude

Apostolic Greeting

* **God's Call to Worship**

Revelation 5:6-14

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. 8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

* **Hymn of Praise #53**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

* **Prayer of Adoration**

* **Affirmation of Faith** – Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker 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 into hell¹.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into 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 catholic² church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

¹He descended to the dead.

²universal, Christian

* **Confession of Sin** Adapted from Psalm 25

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.
Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my dis-
tresses.
Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

* **Assurance of Pardon** Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,

- smitten by God, and afflicted.
- ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
 he was crushed for our iniquities;
 upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
 and with his wounds we are healed.
- ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
 we have turned—every one—to his own way;
 and the LORD has laid on him
 the iniquity of us all.
- ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
 yet he opened not his mouth;
 like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
 and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
 so he opened not his mouth.
- ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
 and as for his generation, who considered
 that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
 stricken for the transgression of my people?
- ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked
 and with a rich man in his death,
 although he had done no violence,
 and there was no deceit in his mouth.
- ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
 he has put him to grief;
 when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
 he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
 the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
- ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
 by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
 make many to be accounted righteous,
 and he shall bear their iniquities.
- ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
 and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
 because he poured out his soul to death
 and was numbered with the transgressors;
 yet he bore the sin of many,
 and makes intercession for the transgressors.

* **Hymn of Thanks**

Psalm 114, Trinity Psalter Hymnal

Reading of God's Word

Isaiah 40:1-8

- 40** Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
 and cry to her
 that her warfare is ended,
 that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.

*** Hymn of Preparation #168**

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of God's Word

John 1:19-34

¹⁹ And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." ²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." ²² So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about your-

self?" ²³ He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴ (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵ They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷ even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

Preaching of God's Word

Pastor Landow

"Who Are You? Who, Who, Who, Who?"

Prayer of Commitment and Dedication

- * **Hymn of Response #501** *Just As I Am, without One Plea*
- * **God's Commission and Blessing**
- * **Closing Response of Praise** *Franklin Gloria
Songbook pp.30-31*
- * **Postlude**

*Please stand as you are able.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name, Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:1, 2

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 • dai - ly at - tend - thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

When Jacob's House from Egypt Came 114

1. ¹When Ja - cob's house from E - gypt came, and Is - r'el
 2. ³The sea be - held and swift - ly fled; the Jor - dan
 3. ⁵O sea, what ails you that you fled? Why, Jor - dan,
 4. ⁷O earth, now trem - ble 'fore the Lord, be - fore the

left a for - eign tongue, ²then Ju - dah was God's
 Riv - er turned a - way. ⁴The lof - ty moun - tains
 did you turn a - way? ⁶Why, moun - tains, did you
 face of Ja - cob's God, ⁸who made the rock a

ho - ly place; in Is - ra - el he set his throne.
 skipped like rams, the hills like lit - tle lambs at play.
 skip like rams; you hills, like lit - tle lambs at play?
 wa - ter pool; from sol - id rock the wa - ters flowed.

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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Who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age. Gal. 1:4

1. I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art, my on-ly
 2. Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace, reign-ing om-
 3. Thou art the Life, by which a-lone we live, and all our
 4. Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness, no harsh-ness
 5. Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee; our faith is

trust and Sav-ior of my heart, who pain didst un-der-
 nip-o-tent in ev-'ry place: so come, O King, and
 • sub-stance and our strength re-ceive; O com-fort us in
 hast thou and no bit-ter-ness; make us to taste the
 built up-on thy prom-ise free; O grant to us such

go for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 our whole be-ing sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 • death's ap-proach-ing hour, strong-heart-ed then to face it by thy pow'r.
 sweet grace found in thee and ev-er stay in thy sweet u-ni-ty.
 strong-er hope and sure that we can bold-ly con-quer and en-dure.

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Just As I Am, without One Plea

Whoever comes to me I will never drive away. John 6:37

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
 2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my
 3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 4. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,

blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
 soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in

come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
 wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 because thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am, thy love unknown
 has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Franklin Gloria

Luke 2:14, etc.

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Alto and Bass optional

D G A Bm G D/F#

Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo - ple on

Glo - ry to God in the high - est!

A Bm G D/F# A Bm G

earth. Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His

Peace to His peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -

D/F# A D G A G A

peo - ple on earth. We praise You! We bless You!

est! Peace on earth. We praise You! We bless You!

25 G Bm Em D/F# Asus A D G

We a - dore You! We glo - ri - fy! We give You thanks for Your

We a - dore You! We glo - ri - fy!

35 A Bm G D/F# A D

glo - ry. We give You thanks for Your glo - ry.

We give You thanks for Your glo - ry. We give You thanks.

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