HERITAGE CHURCH

A Celebration of the Lord's Day
This 28th of June
in the year of our Lord 2026

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel . . . Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.

(Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29)

Maintaining a Proper Worship Atmosphere

In order to maintain a proper atmosphere of worship for our morning service, we kindly ask everyone to find your seats when the music begins at 10:25 a.m. and prepare your hearts for worship. We kindly ask that you silence your cell phones, dispose of all food and drinks, and refrain from all activity that is not conducive to our corporate worship of God (e.g. texting, etc.). God's people come to worship God in the beauty of holiness, and true spiritual worship is our greatest joy.

Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! (1 Chronicles 16:29)

Communion Observance

Each Lord's Day, we observe communion as a regular part of our corporate worship together. We invite all baptized saints to join us at the Lord's Table in this morning's service, provided you can agree with the statement of faith listed below, you are a member in good standing with a Bible believing evangelical church, and you are not under church discipline prohibiting you from communion. The baptized children of such saints are also welcome, so long as it does not conflict with the position of the elders under whom they serve.

Confession for Receiving the Lord's Supper

- I believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inerrant Word of God, and its doctrine of salvation to be the perfect and only true doctrine of salvation.
- I confess that because of my sinfulness, I cannot save myself, so therefore, I humble myself, and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for my salvation.
- I acknowledge Jesus Christ as my sovereign Lord, and I do promise, in reliance on the grace of God, to serve Him with all that is in me, to forsake the world, to mortify the deeds of the flesh, and to lead a godly life.
- I agree to submit in the Lord to the government of His Church, and in case I am found delinquent in doctrine or practice, to heed its discipline.

For those who will be regularly attending our worship services, but who are not yet members, you are welcome to join us at the Table for a period of six months provided you agree and consent to the above provisions. After six months, you will be asked to move toward church membership or cease partaking of the Table. If you should have any questions regarding these matters, please feel free to contact one of the elders. Thank you for your cooperation.

Covenant Renewal Worship

* Indicates the congregation will stand. *Please sing the final verse of every song in unison.*

Preparation For Worship

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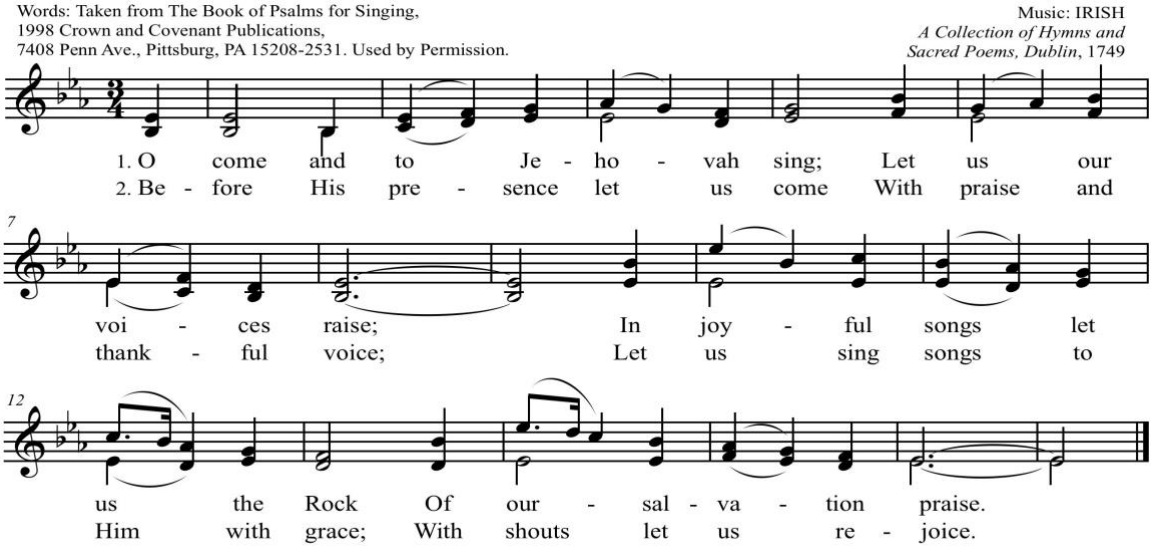
PRELUDE ***God, We Praise You, God, We Bless You***

MEDITATION ***He Who Would Valiant Be***

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

INTROIT ***Psalm 95***



God Calls His People to Worship

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.

CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 8:1-9**

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

PRAYER

* *Angel Voices, Ever Singing*

Words: Francis Pott, 1861

Music: ANGEL VOICES
Edwin G. Monk, 1861



LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

THE EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" and He commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Here we ask our heavenly Father that this child, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as a living member of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of His abundant mercy, He will grant to this child that which by nature he cannot have.

THE PRESENTATION

I present Allen Barros Place to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Exhortation to the Parents

Let the parents, especially, be charged not to neglect the means of grace. Be sure that you provide a godly example, that you pray with and for Allen, that you instruct him in the word of God, get him to Church every Lord's Day as you are able, and that you bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Baptismal Vows Given to Parents

1. Do you acknowledge that although our children are conceived and born in sin and therefore are subject to condemnation, they are to be set apart unto the Lord, and as children of believing parents, they ought to be baptized?
2. Do you promise to instruct Allen in the principles and practices of our holy religion as revealed in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?
3. Do you promise to pray with and for Allen, to set an example of piety and godliness before him, and to endeavor by all the means of God's appointment to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Exhortation to the Congregation

Dearly beloved, let all who are present be reminded of their own baptisms and the privileges and responsibilities of the covenant into which they entered, and here, renew our own baptismal covenant.

Congregational Vow

Will you, who witness these vows, do all in your power to support Allen in his life in Christ?

We will.

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATE

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon this, your servant. Wash and sanctify him through your Holy Spirit, that he may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, he may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

RITE OF BAPTISM

DECLARATION OF BAPTISM

We receive **Allen Barros Place** into the congregation of Christ's flock that hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified and continue as His faithful servant unto his life's end.

Amen.

Allen, you are sealed by the Holy Ghost in Baptism and marked as Christ's own.

Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH

Join with me in receiving Allen into the Body of Christ.

We receive you into the household of God: Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim His resurrection, and share with us in His eternal kingdom and priesthood.

BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.

DOXOLOGY (Remain standing for the reading of the Word)*

God Speaks to His People Through His Word

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts.

***READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 1**

Minister: Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT:** Romans 7:18-25; 8:6-9

Minister: For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. . . .

8:6-9 . . . For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.

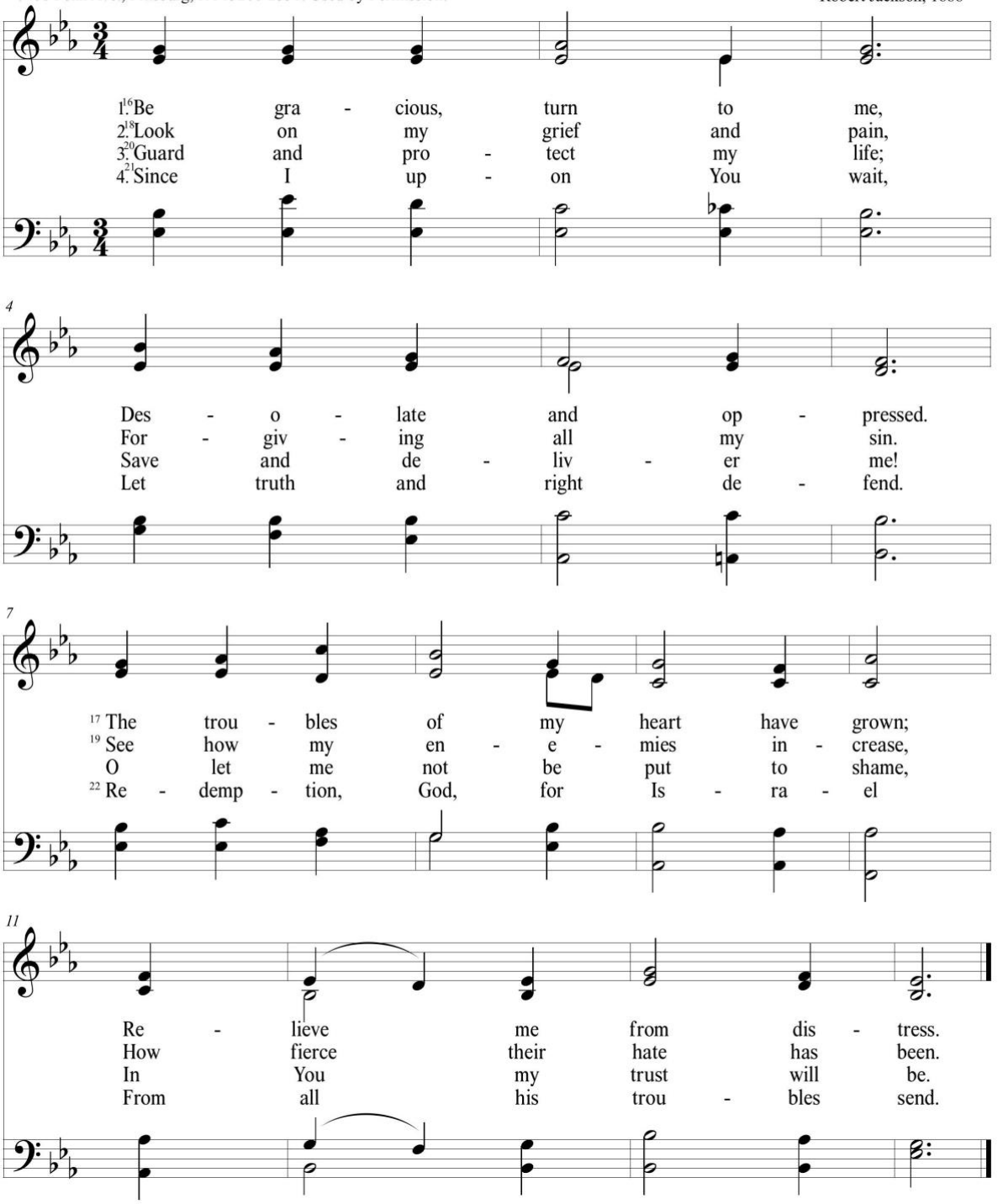
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Psalm 25

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Music: TRENTHAM
Robert Jackson, 1888



God Calls His People to Confession and Repentance

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

We invite those who are able to kneel for the prayer of confession.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

All: Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Your Holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of ourselves to do any good, who, by reason of our depravity, transgress without end Your holy commandments. Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves, by Your just sentence, condemnation and death.

But, O Lord! with heartfelt sorrow, we repent and deplore our offences. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence, beseeching that Your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased to have compassion on us, O Most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that acknowledging from our inmost heart our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance, and that Your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well pleasing in Your sight. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remain kneeling in silent prayer until the minister raises you up for the assurance of pardon.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 John 1:9

Minister: Now hear the Word of the Lord,

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

As we look unto Christ, know that He forgives our sins and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

As the Church is the fulfillment of the Temple, God calls us His "house of prayer." God invites us before His throne to hear our petitions for our needs, the needs of others, the world and His Kingdom.

* *Hail, Sovereign Love*

Words: Jehoida Brewer, 1776

Music: Charles H. Parry, 1916



God Ministers to Us in His Word Proclaimed

God gives us grace and strengthens our faith through the ministry of the Word and sacrament. Grace is conveyed to the recipients through the work of the Holy Spirit to those who believe their truths.

***READING OF THE SERMON TEXT Ephesians 2:2-3**

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

MESSAGE: ***Thinking Deeply About our Former Depth***

We Offer Ourselves to God in our Tithes and Offerings

Minister: Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)

People: With thankfulness, we give in gratitude and joy.

OFFERTORY ***How Shall I Sing That Majesty***

God Communes with His People at the Feast

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous professions of their fealty to Him.

THE INVITATION AND FENCING OF THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: All glory to You, our heavenly Father, for when the fullness of time was come, You sent forth Your only Son, Jesus Christ, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem us through the sacrifice of His body, and the shedding of His blood, on the cross. Lord, we confess we are unworthy guests at Your Table, and yet You have clothed us in the robe of Christ's righteousness, and washed us in His blood and made us, in Him, fit to come.

Take now, from Your creation, this bread and wine, and send Your Holy Spirit to communicate to us the presence of Your Son; Who on the night He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." Amen.

And now, Holy Father, along with the saints through the ages, hear our profession.

All: (The Apostles Creed) **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the quick 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 life everlasting. Amen!

*** The term "catholic" means "universal"**

THE SURSUM CORDA (Lamentations 3:41)

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is good and right to do so.

All: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the Angels, the Archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

**standing*

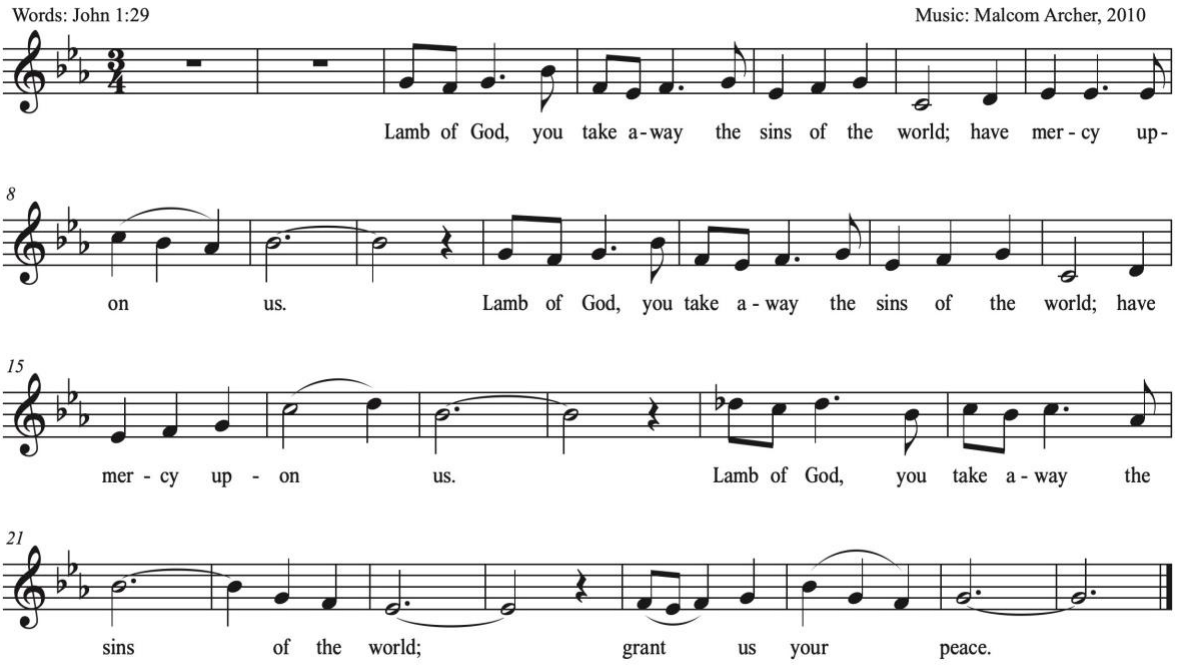


CONSECRATION OF THE BREAD

Minister: The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

People: For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

Agnus Dei



My Jesus, I Love Thee

Words: William R. Featherston, 1842-1870

Music: GORDON
Adoniram J. Gordon. 1836-1895



CONSECRATION OF THE CUP

Minister: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? (1 Corinthians 10:16)

People: For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore, let us keep the feast. (1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

Arise My Soul Arise

Words: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: LENOX
Lewis Edson, 1748-1820



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

All: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these Your holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom. And O, Lord, grant us this other benefit: that You will never allow us to forget these things; but having them imprinted on our hearts, may we grow and increase daily in the faith which is at work in every good deed. And now Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now, and forever. Amen.

God Sends His People Out With His Blessing

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God blesses His people and sends them into the world to show His light in the darkness.

***BENEDICTION 2 Corinthians 13:14**

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.



POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen and reigning Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!