

MAY 4, 2025 - 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

***Indicates we will rise in body or spirit**

Prelude

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Welcome

Call to Worship: Revelation 3:11-14

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels,
numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand
times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the
living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were
saying:

**ALL: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and
wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and
praise!”**

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

**ALL: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and
honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”**

The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

***Song of Praise:**

You Servants of God

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing—with angels above—
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

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Salvation Belongs to our God

Salvation belongs to our God
Who sits on the throne,
And unto the Lamb.
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honor and power and strength.

Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever, Amen.

And we, the redeemed, shall be strong
In purpose and unity,
Declaring aloud:
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honor and power and strength.

Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever, Amen.

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God's Greeting / Mutual Greetings

Time of Confession:

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God in prayer.

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, Nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, Or walked humbly with you, our God Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Amen.

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Song of Assurance: Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

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God's Will for Our Lives: Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12

I will exalt you, Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me. You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit. Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning...
You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

Prayer for our Church:

ALL:

Father God, we acknowledge that we are imperfect, we are sinners, and we are in need of Your power and guidance. Where we feel weak, You are strong. Help us to transform, grow, and change in ways that reflect Your love and grace. We trust You are working within us for our good. Create in us a new, clean heart and make us more like Your Son, Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayers of the People: Bob Cooper

Song of Preparation: Hymn of Heaven

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven,
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets;
To look upon the one who bled to save me,
And walk with Him for all eternity.

There will be a day when all will bow before Him.
There will be a day when death will be no more.
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again.
Holy, holy Is the Lord.

And ev'ry prayer, we prayed in desperation;
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear.
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears.

There will be a day when all will bow before Him.
There will be a day when death will be no more.
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again.
Holy, holy Is the Lord.

And on that day we join the resurrection,
And stand beside the heroes of the faith.
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Forever He shall reign.

There will be a day when all will bow before Him.
There will be a day when death will be no more.
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again.
Holy, holy Is the Lord.

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven.
With angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar.
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave.
Holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy is the Lord.

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Scripture: Acts 9: 1-20
Message

(parents may get children from Children's Worship during the following song)

***Song of Response: I Will Sing of My Redeemer PsH 479**

I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
In his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave.
I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant power I'll tell;
How the victory he gives me over sin and death and hell.

I will sing of my Redeemer and His heavenly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God with Him to be.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

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LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation:

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will sit at table in the kingdom of God. When our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Holy, Holy, Holy are you, Lord God Almighty. Heaven and earth are full of your glory! You, O Christ, work all things together for our salvation. You have paid for all of our sins with your body and blood, which we partake of in remembrance today. We belong to you, O Lord, body and soul, in this life and in death.

Father, you watch over our lives so that nothing happens without your will. Christ our Savior, you have set us free from sin and the devil. Holy Spirit, as we partake in these ordinary elements, assure us anew that we belong to you, and renew in us the desire to live for your glory, O God. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

As we draw near to the table of our Lord, let us stand and confess our Christian faith:
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.

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

(Distribution of the Bread)

Take, eat remember, and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness for all our sins.

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

(Distribution of the Cup)

Take, drink, remember, and believe that the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Ephesians 3:20-21 says, Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

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Song of Praise:

Because He Lives

God sent His Son—they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

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***Blessing**

***Doxology:**

My Tribute

How can I say thanks
for the things you have done for me?
Things so undeserved,
yet you give to prove your love for me.
The voices of a million angels
could not express my gratitude;
All that I am and ever hope to be,
I owe it all to Thee.

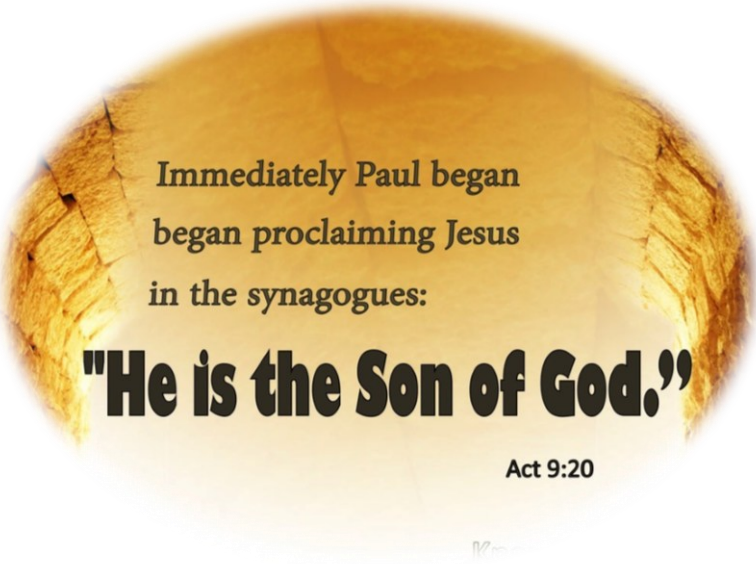
To God be the glory;
To God be the glory.
To God be the glory;
for the things He has done.
With His blood He has saved me,
with His power He has raised me,
To God be the glory
for the things He has done.

Just let me live my life,
Let it be pleasing, Lord to Thee;
And should I gain any praise,
Let it go to Calvary.

With His blood He has saved me,
with His power He has raised me,
To God be the glory
for the things He has done.

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Postlude



Immediately Paul began
began proclaiming Jesus
in the synagogues:

"He is the Son of God."

Act 9:20