

# THE LORD'S DAY – NOVEMBER 26, 2023

# "Holy, Holy, Holy"

by John Bacchus Dykes and Reginald Heber

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning,
our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns Around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim Falling down before Thee, Which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 1

**Leader:** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**People:** but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

**Leader:** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

People: In all that he does, he prospers.

**Leader:** The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**People:** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

All: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

# "This Is My Father's World"

by Aaron Purdy, Franklin Lawrence Sheppard, Jennie Lee Riddle, and Maltbie Davenport Babcock This is my Father's world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres

This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise

This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In rustling grass I hear Him pass
He speaks to me everywhere

# This is my Father's world O let me ne'er forget And though the wrong seems oft so strong God is the Ruler yet

# This is my Father's world Why should my heart be sad The Lord is King let the heavens ring God reigns let the earth be glad

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 12:18-29

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

## CONFESSION OF SIN

I, a poor and sinful person, do confess to you, O Almighty, everlasting, merciful God and Father, that I have sinned in many and varied ways against you and your commands.

I confess that I did not believe in you, my only God and Father. In fact, I have put my faith and confidence more in creatures than in you, my God and Creator, by fearing them more than you. Moreover, for their benefit and favor, I have done and neglected many things against you and your ways.

Forgive these and all my sins, and from now on keep me and protect me, so that I may walk only in your way and live, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son our Savior. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: The maker of heaven and earth!

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

**People:** And our mouths will declare Your praise!

# "Thy Mercy, My God"

by Isaac Watts, John Stocker, and Sandra McCracken

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue; Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness,
my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart; Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon,
and righteousness mine.

## BAPTISM

### GREETING

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

**Leader:** Let us share His peace with one another.

Children may leave for lesson (ages 4-6).

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As the leader directs, the congregation is invited to pray for those for whom they are burdened.

Pray aloud and by name or silently if you prefer.

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

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 127-128

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

#### "The Lord Will Provide"

Words and Music: Matthew S. Smith Based on a hymn by John Newton

Though troubles assail and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail and foes all unite;
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
The scripture assures us, the Lord will provide.

The birds without barn or storehouse are fed, From them let us learn to trust for our bread: His saints, what is fitting, shall ne'er be denied, So long as it's written, the Lord will provide.

We may, like the ships, by tempest be tossed On perilous deeps, but cannot be lost. Though Satan enrages the wind and the tide, The promise engages, the Lord will provide.

His call we obey, like Abram of old,
Not knowing our way, but faith makes us bold;
For though we are strangers,
we have a good Guide,
And trust in all dangers, the Lord will provide.

No strength of our own, or goodness we claim,
Yet since we have known
the Savior's great name;
In this our strong tower for safety we hide,
The Lord is our power, the Lord will provide.

When life sinks apace and death is in view,
This word of his grace shall comfort us through:
No fearing or doubting with Christ on our side,
We hope to die shouting, "The Lord will provide."

#### CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Wine is in the outer circles of cups; the inner circle contains grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in its own tray.

As the usher directs, please come forward one row at a time to pick up your cups.

Please hold your elements until all are served so that we may all partake together, as one body.

## "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Words and Music: Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss;
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

#### CELEBRATING COMMUNION

#### THE SENDING - Genesis 48:15-16

"The God before whom our fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been our shepherd all our life long, the God who has redeemed us from all evil - may he bless you his children; in you may the name of Jesus be carried on; may you grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

#### "We Will Feast In The House Of Zion"

by Sandra McCracken

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

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

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

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

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

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