

SEASON OF LENT-FEBRUARY 25, 2024

"The Church's One Foundation"

Words: Samuel J. Sloan

Music: "Aurelia" by Samuel Wesley

The church's one Foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation, By water and the Word.

From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one over all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder Men see her sore oppressed, By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,

Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

CALL TO WORSHIP - From Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

People: Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

People: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

People: The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

"Be Thou My Vision"

by Eleanor Henrietta Hull and Mary Elizabeth Byrne Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art

Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom
Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord

Thou my great Father
I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

High King of heaven
When victory is won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun

Heart of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my vision
O Ruler of all

"Give Me Jesus"

by Fernando Ortega

In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus.
You can have all this world,
But give me Jesus.

And when I am alone
Oh and when I am alone
And when I am alone
Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus.
You can have all this world,
But give me Jesus.

And when I come to die
Oh and when I come to die
And when I come to die
Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus.
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 8:22-36

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS - From Exodus 20

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery:

- 1. You shall have no other gods before me.
- 2. You shall not make for yourself an idol, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God.
- 3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

- 4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.
- 5. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land.
- 6. You shall not murder.

- 7. You shall not commit adultery.
- 8. You shall not steal.
- 9. You shall not bear false witness.
- 10. You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor's.

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 commandments.

I confess that I have not kept your Sabbath holy; that I have not heard your Word with earnestness, nor did I live according to it; also, that I have not yielded myself entirely to your holy hands; that I have not appreciated your working in me and in others, but have often and passionately grumbled about it and have been impatient.

Forgive me 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!

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

by Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery In the dawning of the King He the theme of heaven's praises Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin

See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law, in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption See the Father's plan unfold Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured, love untold Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive

What a foretaste of deliverance Shining from the glorious Son Christ in power resurrected As we will be when he comes

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

Colossians 1:15-20

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

by George Job Elvey, Godfrey Thring, and Matthew Bridges

Crown Him with many crowns The Lamb upon His throne Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own

Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save

His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified

No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight But downward bends each burning eye At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of years The Potentate of time Creator of the rolling spheres Ineffably sublime

All hail Redeemer hail For Thou hast died for me Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity

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.

"Are You Weary, Are You Languid"

by John Mason Neale

Are you weary, are you languid, are you sore distressed?
"Come to me," says One, "and, coming, be at rest."

Has he marks to lead me to him, if he be my Guide?
"In his feet and hands are wound-prints, and his side."

Finding, foll'wing, keeping, struggling, is he sure to bless?
"Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs answer yes."

Is there diadem, as Monarch, that his brow adorns?
"Yes, a crown, in very surety, but of thorns."

If I find him, if I follow,
what his promise here?
"Many a sorrow, many a labor,
many a tear."

Finding, foll'wing, keeping, struggling, is he sure to bless?
"Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs answer yes."

If I still hold closely to him,
what has he at last?
"Sorrow vanquished, labor ended,
Jordan passed."

If I ask him to receive me, will he say me nay?
"Not till earth and not till heaven pass away."

Finding, foll'wing, keeping, struggling, is he sure to bless?
"Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs answer yes."

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

THE SENDING - From Philippians 4:7

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus!

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The church shall never perish,
Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end.

Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor,
She ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;

'Til with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.



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