

THE LORD'S DAY – JULY 7, 2024

# "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

by Catherine Winkworth, David A. DeSilva, Johannes Olearius Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God; comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed; all that well deserved his anger he no more will see or heed.

She hath suffered many a day now her griefs have passed away; God will change her pining sadness into ever-springing gladness.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near, bidding all men to repentance, since the kingdom now is here.

O that warning cry obey!

Now prepare for God a way;

let the valleys rise to meet him,
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain; let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad; and all flesh shall see the token, that his word is never broken.

## CALL TO WORSHIP - From Psalm 63

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;

**People:** My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**Leader:** So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

**People:** Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Leader: I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

**People:** My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips.

Leader: For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

All: My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

# "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!

## "Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted"

by Joseph Swain and Kevin Twit

Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross behold the crown

Look to Jesus
Look to Jesus
Look to Jesus
Look to Jesus
Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it Love will make your obedience sweet Christ will give you strength to bear it While His grace shall guide your feet Safe to glory
Safe to glory
Safe to glory
Safe to glory
Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessed are the eyes that see Him, Bless the ears that hear His voice; Blessed are the souls that trust Him, And in Him, alone rejoice; His commandments
His commandments
His commandments
Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary, Light to newly opened eyes, Like full springs in deserts dreary, Is the rest the cross supplies; All who taste it
All who taste it
All who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:31-35

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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!

# "Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven"

by Henry F. Lyte and John Goss

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me, his praises sing?

Praise Him, Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King!
Praise Him, Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor
To our fathers in distress.

Praise him, still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Praise Him, Praise Him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!
Praise Him, Praise Him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.

Praise Him, Praise Him!
Widely yet his mercy flows!
Praise Him, Praise Him!
Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.

Praise Him, Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace!
Praise Him, Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

### 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

Acts 13:1-12

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

### "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.

'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.

### CELEBRATING COMMUNION

### CONFESSION OF FAITH - "The Apostles' Creed"

# I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall 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. 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.

### "I Will Arise and Go To Jesus"

by Joseph Hart

I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
O, there are ten thousand charms

Come, ye weary, heavy laden Lost and ruined by the fall If you tarry till you're better You will never come at all Come, ye sinners, poor and needy Weak and wounded, sick and sore Jesus, ready, stands to save you Full of pity love and power

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### CELEBRATING COMMUNION

### THE SENDING - 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

## "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

by Carl Gotthelf Glaser and Charles Wesley

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise The glories of my God and King The triumphs of His grace

# My gracious Master and my God Assist me to proclaim To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name

Jesus! the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of canceled sin
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb Your loosened tongues employ Ye blind, behold your Savior come And leap, ye lame, for joy Glory to God, and praise and love
Be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above
The church in earth and heaven



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