

Order of worship 9 August 2020

Gathering in God's Presence

Greeting

The Bible is full of greetings, and our worship leader greets us in God's name.

2 Peter 2:1

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Psalm of the Day

We begin our worship with a silent meditation on our Psalm of the Day during the Prelude. Use this time to focus your hearts and minds on God as he speaks to us through his Word.

Psalm 65

For the director of music. A psalm of David. A song.

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to you all people will come.
- 3 When we were overwhelmed by sins,
you forgave our transgressions.
- 4 Blessed are those you choose
and bring near to live in your courts!
We are filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple.
- 5 You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,
God our Savior,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas,
- 6 who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength,
- 7 who stilled the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.
- 8 The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy.
- 9 You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.
The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.
- 10 You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.
- 11 You crown the year with your bounty,

- and your carts overflow with abundance.
- 12 The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.
- 13 The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.

Prelude

“Plein jeu. Et in Terra pax.” from “Mass for the Congregations”

François Couperin (1668-1730)

Ruth Pfister, organ

*Call to Worship

Our Call to Worship draws us into conversation with our God, and is usually taken from our Psalm of the Day. We address one another and enter God’s presence together.

From Psalm 65

Leader: Let us prepare praises for our God, and lift them from our lips to the Heavenly Zion above!

People: Let us lift our prayers to the Lord, who hosts and welcomes all his people!

Leader: How blessed it is to be chosen by the Lord, and to be brought near, that we might live in his courts!

People: Let us enjoy the good things of his house, and the splendor of his temple!

Leader: The grasslands and the hills are clothed in gladness as they flourish under his blessing.

People: We will join the meadows and valleys to shout for joy and sing!

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Invocation

Having called one another to God’s praise, we turn to God and ask for his presence and power.

From Psalm 65

Great God and Gracious Father, with all the creation around us spontaneously praising your name for your power and majesty, your goodness and generosity, we want to take our part in the choir of creation and shout for joy and sing. There is no place like your temple. There is no privilege like being invited into your courts. You are so hospitable to us, providing us with life and health, and promising us an eternal place in the splendor of your majesty, serving as your priests and princes. As we fill your temple courts with the songs of the redeemed, take joy in what you hear. As we sit like eager children at your feet to hear your Word, may Jesus be our teacher. As we commit ourselves to a life of fruitfulness, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we might be empowered to go forth from here ready and willing and equipped with your own goodness to extend it to those around it, for your honor and glory, in Christ’s name. Amen.

*Song of Praise

With our Song of Praise, we begin our worship by exalting God for who he is and what he has done.

Hymn 201: “Praise is Your Right, O God, in Zion” (Psalm 65)

Text: Stanley Weirsmas (1980)

Tune: GENEVAN 65, Louis Bourgeois (1643)

Ruth Pfister, organ

Praise is your right, O God, in Zion
To you we pay our vows
When we your people pray, you hear us
All flesh to you will bow
When our transgressions overwhelm us
You graciously forgive
How satisfied, your chosen servants
Within your courts they live

Your mighty acts work our salvation
All earth waits hopefully
You have the strength to make the mountains
To calm the stormy sea
You calm the tumult of the people
Such awesome signs you do
That earth from sunrise to the sunset
For joy cries out to you

You bless the earth with streams and rivers
And with the gentle rain
You set the ridges, soften furrows
And bless the sprouting grain
You crown the year with ample harvest
A rich abundance springs
All flocks and grains and hills and meadows
Yes, all creation sings!

Hearing God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

We ask God to make the Scripture fresh, encouraging, and convicting to us as we sit under its ministry.

From Psalm 65

Gracious God, just as you took the unformed matter in your hand when you created the world, and shaped it in such a way that it would yield abundant fruit and sustain all living things, take our hearts now into your hands and re-create them. Reshape them until they are prepared to bring forth fruit in our lives—fruit that pleases you and sustains the world that you made and that you so deeply love. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

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*Confession of Faith

We use the words Christians have used down through the centuries to remind us of who our triune God is and what God has done for us in creation and redemption. We use the words of the Nicene Creed.

Christians: What do we believe?

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Ruth Pfister, organ

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be:

World without end! Amen! Amen!

Let the Children Come to Him!

Children's Message

Children's Resources

Preaching of the Word

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Acts 11:19-30

¹⁹ Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. ²⁰ Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹ The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

²² News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴ He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

²⁷ During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) ²⁹ The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. ³⁰ This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Meditation

Great is Thy Faithfulness

William M. Runyan (arr. Jack Schrader)

Randal Turner, Baritone

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Sermon

The Spirit's Fruit (Part 6): Goodness

Responding to God's Word

*Song of Response

Hymn 301: Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Text: Synesius of Cyrene (c. 400); Trans. Allen W. Chatfield (1876)

Tune: SOUTHWELL, William Daman (1579)

Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free,
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be Thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point Thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
That, when this life is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
And share Thy joy at last.

Minute for Mission

IPC was recently privileged to be able to contribute Fr. 1'000 to help this church near Cape Town in South Africa. This congregation is helping to feed the poor and destitute who are especially vulnerable due to the Covid crisis. Our gift helped to feed 100 families for 3 weeks. The film shows Pastor Botha as he distributes food parcels to the people in the impacted area.

Prayer for Our Tithes and Offerings

Please consider taking this time to make a contribution to the ministry of our church through an online bank transfer, PayPal, or Twint. For more, [click here](#).

Offertory

His Mercy is More

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Getty Music Publishing

Love Your Enemies Publishing

Messenger Hymns

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Ellie Stager, Piano, Guitar, Vocals

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness new every morn

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What love could remember no wrongs we have done

Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam

What Father so tender is calling us home

He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness new every morn

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us

His blood was the payment His life was the cost

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*Doxology

Ruth Pfister, organ

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him, all creatures here below

Praise him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

Calling on the Name of the Lord

Prayers of the People

We join together in prayer. We praise God; we pray for our world, for the church, for ourselves, and we pray the Lord's Prayer.

At the end of each petition, the leader will say:

Lord, in your mercy ...

And the congregation may respond:

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Now we pray together the prayer our Lord taught us, saying:

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Going with God's Mission and Blessing

Welcome of Guests

Announcements

*Sending Song

Hymn 420: God of Grace and God of Glory

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1930)

Tune: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes (1907)

God of grace and God of glory,

on thy people pour thy power;

crown thine ancient church's story,

bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage

for the facing of this hour,

for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armored with all Christ-like graces:
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee!
that we fail not them nor thee!

*Commissioning and Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face to shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen!

Postlude

Prelude in G Major

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, organ