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Homecoming Worship

Chapel of the Christ

October 2, 2016 - 9:30 AM

Setting by James Biery

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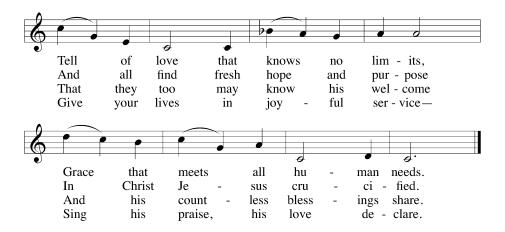
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Stand at the direction of the presiding minister. Face the cross at the back of the chapel and follow its path to the chancel where it becomes the focus of Christian worship.

HYMN: CWS 774 - Church of God, Elect and Glorious Church of God, and e lect glo - rious, 2 God called has you out of dark - ness peo - ple, ho - ly, 3 Once were al ien you an of Church God, lect e and Но 1y tion, cho na sen race; In to his most mar v'lous light, Stran gers to God's heart of love; Be the ple he tends; peo in God's Called as own spe cial peo - ple, with **Brought** his life in you, truth to brought But he you home in mer - cy, faith and swift Strong in to an - swer Roy al priests and heirs of grace: blind Turned your ness in sight. to Cit i zens of heav'n a bove. Each com - mand your mas sends: ter Know the pur pose of your call - ing. Let your light so shine a round you flow Let his love out to oth - ers; fill call - ing Roy al priests, ful your



INVOCATION

(The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ♥ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- **M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

(The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners" [The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?]. See John 20:21-23.)

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins.

Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ♥ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

Mark 10:47

(Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.)

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

- C: Lord, have mercy.
- **M:** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.
- C: Christ, have mercy.
- **M:** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.
- C: Amen.

BE SEATED

KYRIE Glen McClure

Combined Choirs

Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy, Christe eleison, Christ have mercy, Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy.

Alto e glorioso Dio, illumine le Tenebrae del coure mio, e dammi fede retta, e carità perfetta, speranza certa, umiltà profonda, saggezza e conoscimento, O Signore, affinchè io faccia il tuo santo e verace commandamento.

Most high and glorious God, illuminate the darkness of my heart, and grant an upright faith, perfect love, certain hope, profound humility, wisdom and understanding, O Lord, that I might follow your holy and true commandment.

PRAYER

- M: We thank you, Lord God, that you have called us from the darkness of unbelief into the fellowship of your Son. Lead and guide us by your Holy Spirit that we may walk in the light of Christ day after day and never wander from his love. May we at all times find him in the gospel and willingly serve him who is the Savior of all and lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD (Gloria in Excelsis)

(Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.)

Following the introduction, all sing the hymn in HARMONY



PRAYERS

M: Almighty and eternal God and Father, by your Holy Spirit you sanctify and keep the holy Christian Church. Hear our prayer, and by your grace grant us, together with all its members, to serve you in true faith; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Almighty and righteous God, you are the giver of all good things. You bless us with morning light and evening rest. You shower the land with good weather, you bestow wealth upon the nations, you endow our bodies with health and our minds with knowledge. Beyond all these graces, you have demonstrated your own mercy in your Son Jesus Christ. Open our hearts to offer you fitting praise and to return our thanks to you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Almighty and most merciful Lord, you do not despise the petitions of the weak, but you look to the prayers which we offer, even in our distress. Graciously hear us that everything set against us by both the devil and humanity might be brought to nothing. Help us to follow the counsel of your mercy, that we might not only offer you our thanks now, but also offer you our praise forever; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, accept our heartfelt thanks for the gift of your holy gospel. In it, you have made known to us your fatherly heart. Now, by your great mercy, graciously hold forth the blessed light of your Word, that by your Holy Spirit you would lead and direct our hearts. Let us never wander from your Word but, by holding fast to it, attain its eternal blessings: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHOUT FOR JOY! Dan Davison

Women's Choir

Shout for joy to the Lord! Shout for joy all the earth.

O burst forth with joy in jubilant song with music.

Praise the Lord with the harp. Join with voices of singing.

O shout to the Lord with the trumpets and the blast of the horn.

Let the sea resound and all it contains, the people in all of the world.

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together with joy!

Let there be sound! Let there be music! Praise the Lord with a joyful song!

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 78





MEN: O my people, hear my <u>teaching</u>;*

listen to the words of my mouth.

WOMEN: I will utter things from of old,*

what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

STUDENTS: We will not hide them from our children;*

we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

Refrain

MEN: The LORD decreed statutes for <u>Ja</u>cob*

and established the law in Israel,

WOMEN: so the next generation would know them,*

and they in turn would tell their children.

STUDENTS: Then they would put their <u>trust</u> in God*

and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:7-12

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

BY FAITH Männerchor

Keith and Kristin Getty, Stuart Townend arr. Richard A. Nichols

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design, in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of his promise in their hearts of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on him our soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear with the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost to deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth.

By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the power of the gospel shall prevail. For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name.

STAND

(The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.)

M: The Gospel according to Luke chapter 10.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-3, 17-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

After the Gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN of the DAY: CW 535 - Our Fathers' God in Years Long Gone



SERMON 2 Timothy 2:1-2

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD Chorale

Ricky Manalo arr. Rick Modlin

Choir We are sent into the world to proclaim the reign of God,

We give glory to the risen Christ among us.

Though our eyes have not seen his face, we believe

and we spread the story of our faith.

REFRAIN: Congregation



Choir Sent out to the world as the followers of Christ, we are called to proclaim good news. For Christ conquered death in his rising to new life: Rejoice in the power of the truth.

REFRAIN: Congregation

Choir Sent out to the world as disciples of the Word, let us preach to the ends of the earth. For Christ conquered death in his rising to new life: Rejoice in the promise of new birth!

REFRAIN: Congregation

Choir Sent out to the world as ambassadors of Christ, we are sent to all nations great and small. For Christ conquered death in his rising to new life: Rejoice in the splendor of our call!

REFRAIN: Congregation

Choir Sent out to the world as the chosen of the Lord, may the Spirit instill our hearts aflame. For Christ conquered death in his rising to new life: Rejoice to the glory of his name!

FINAL REFRAIN: Congregation



OFFERING

Hosanna Ringers

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Kevin McChesney

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **M:** Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.
- C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.
- M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.
- C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

- M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.
- C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.
- **M:** Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer.

- **M:** Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.
- C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.
- **M:** Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.
- C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

Combined Choirs Carl Schalk

I thank you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You kept me safely through the night, and brought me to the morning light.

Be with me through this day, I pray, and keep me safe from Satan's sway that all I think or do or say please only you, my Strength and Stay.

Into your hands I now commend my body and soul until life's end. Your angel keep me safe from harm until I rest in Jesus' arm. Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ₱ give you peace.

C: (spoken) Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN: God, Who Built This Wondrous Planet

Setting by John Ferguson



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Boeder

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Tuba – Zachary Johnson
Percussion – Rebecca Doering, Eric Dorn, Corinne Luckinbill
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