

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

— SAN FRANCISCO —

April 26, 2020

*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*

Call to Worship

Why do we praise Christ this morning? *Ephesians 4:1-8*

Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called

With all humility and gentleness, with patience

Bearing with one another in love

Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace

There is one body and one Spirit—

Just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

One Lord, one faith, one baptism

One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives

And He gave gifts to men."

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to God.

Psalm 133

A Psalm of Ascents. Of David.

Look and see, how good and pleasant it is

When brothers dwell in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard

On the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon

Which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the Lord has commanded the blessing

Life forevermore.

Invocation

Blessed Be Your Name

*Blessed be Your name,
in the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow,
blessed be your name*

*Blessed be Your name,
when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness,
blessed Be Your name*

*Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in,
Lord, still I will say:*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name*

*Blessed be Your name,
when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be',
blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your name
on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering,
blessed be Your name*

*Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in,
Lord, still I will say:*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name*

*You give and take away,
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say,
“Lord Blessed be your name!”*

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Blessed be the name of the Lord,

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

Blessed be Your glorious name

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O, precious is the flow,

that makes me white as snow;

No other fount I know,

nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*For my pardon, this I see,
nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*O, precious is the flow,
that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*Nothing can for sin atone,
nothing but the blood of Jesus
Not of good that I have done,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*O, precious is the flow,
that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*This is all my hope and peace,
nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*O, precious is the flow,
that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Holy, Holy, Holy

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,

Who wert and art and ever more shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

Confession

(we approach God, repenting from sin)

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 20-21

Question 20. Are all people then, as they were judged in Adam, saved by Christ?

Answer. **No, only those who are ingrafted into Him, and receive all His benefits, by a true faith.**

Question 21. What is true faith?

Answer. **True faith is not only a certain knowledge, whereby I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in His word, but also an assured confidence, which the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel; that not only to others, but to me also, forgiveness of sin, everlasting righteousness and salvation, are freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.**

James 1:2-8

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds

For you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness

And let steadfastness have its full effect

That you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God

Who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting

For the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind

For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord

He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Dear Father,

Keep us from being double minded. We often try to avoid trials and testing, even when it's for our benefit. We grumble against Your plans and do not live in joy and trust. Forgive us! Fill us Holy Spirit! We cry out for Your wisdom, bring Your complete work in us, and heal our wandering hearts. Only then will we know how to follow and worship You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Silence

Absolution

I declare to you

As members of Christ's body by faith in His blood

Your corrupt heart is new!

Your rebellion is pardoned!

And your failures are forgiven!

Go in peace and turn from your sins

In the Name of Christ. Amen.

Offering

(we give thankfully, acknowledging that everything belongs to our God)

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Song of Assurance

Hallelujah, What a Savior

*“Man of Sorrows!” what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hal – le – lu – jah, what a Savior!*

*Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood –
Sealed my pardon with His blood:
Hal – le – lu – jah, what a Savior!*

*Guilty, vile and helpless we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! Can it be?
Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Savior!*

*Lifted up was He to die,
“It is finished!” was His cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high:
Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Savior!*

*When He comes, our glorious
King, all His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing:
Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Savior!*

Let us bless the Lord!

Praise Him with highest praise!

What sort of church are we seeking to God to make us? Acts 2:42-45

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Announcements

The Real Intern SF

This ministry aims to show hospitality to students who come to the SF Bay Area to intern at various companies during the summer. If you're interested in learning more, you can read this week's newsletter or reach out to Natalie.

Bible Studies

Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

Romans Bible Study, hosted by Chris & Thao

Thursday, 7:30 pm

Romans Bible Study, hosted by Cory & Natalie

Prayer Meetings

Wednesdays, 8 am

Men's Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

Whole Church Prayer Meeting

Fridays, 8 am

Whole Church Prayer Meeting

Saturdays, 9:30 am

Women's Prayer Meeting

Prayer

(because we are reconciled, we are free to call on God to act)

Please feel free to unmute your microphone and ask for prayer at this time.

Those with unspoken prayer requests should:

use the Zoom chat

or

text Melody at (408) 839-3045

Please share all other prayer requests by unmuting.

Prayer

(because we are reconciled, we are free to call on God to act)

Our Father, Who is in heaven,

Holy is Your Name!

May Your kingdom come and Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven,

Give us today our daily bread

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,

Lead us out of temptation

Deliver us from the evil one

For Yours is the kingdom

The power, and

The glory forever

In Jesus' Name, amen.

Sermon

(we hear from God)

John 17:11–23

Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You gave Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in Your Name, which You gave Me. I guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the cosmos, so they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

¹⁴ I have given them Your word, and the cosmos has hated them because they are not of the cosmos, just as I am not of the cosmos. ¹⁵ I do not ask You to take them out of the cosmos, but that You keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the cosmos, just as I am not of the cosmos. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent me into the cosmos, so I send them into the cosmos. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so the cosmos may believe that You have sent Me. ²² The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one, ²³ I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so the cosmos may know You sent Me and loved them even as you loved Me.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Communion

Let's proclaim together the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Praise Him!

The Apostle's Creed

(an ancient common affirmation of belief)

What do you believe?

We 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, 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 shall come to judge the living and the dead

We 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.

Response / Sending

The Church's One Foundation

*The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word:
From heav'n 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 ev'ry nation, yet one o'er 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 forevermore;
'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.*

Benediction

(we receive a blessing)

Doxology

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

Worship for the Rest of the Week

The Lord's day is the start of the week, when we are refreshed spiritually and renewed in our faith, and ought to set the pace for the rest of the week.

These are readings that complement the teaching today:

Monday Genesis 11

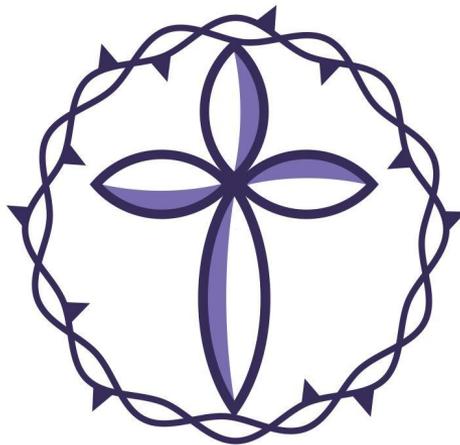
Tuesday Acts 2

Wednesday Psalm 133

Thursday James 4

Friday Matthew 12

Saturday Ephesians 4



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