CHRIST THEKING

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024 10:30 Am Morning Worship

Prelude

Prayer (Collect) of Preparation: Deliver us when we draw near to You, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind: Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation.

Congregation: The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to his people.

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Congregation: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

Leader: Make music to the Lord with the harp and the sound of singing,

All: Shout for joy before the Lord, the King. - from Psalm 98:1-6

Invocation

Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

Bob Sawyer

Call to Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together. God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive work.

The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today.



Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted Words: Thomas Kelly; Music: 17th Century German tune, arr. by Phillip Palmertree Εm В ed. 1.Strick-en, smit - ten. and af - flict see him 2.Tell me. who hearhim groan was there ye ing, think of sin but light nor sup -3.Ye who ly, 4.Here we have а firmfoun - da tion, here the D Εm Εm Am ing on the 'Tis the Christ dv tree. bv man re er grief like his? Friends through fear his causedis ev the e - vil great view its na-ture pose here may re fuge of the lost. Christ's the Rock of our sal-D/F# В Am D Εm ed. ves my soul. 'tis he. 'tis he. 'Tis the ject own ing, foes in - sult ing his dis tress. Ma - ny guilt Mark the right - ly, here its may es - ti mate. va tion, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of D G Εm pect - ed proph-et, Da - vid's and Da vid's long - ex son _ raised to hands were wound him, none would in ter-pose to fice ap - point-ed, see who bears the aw ful sac - ri _ God, for sin - ners wound ed, sac - ri - fice to can cel В Εm В Lord, by his Son God now hath spo ken, 'tis the the stroke that pierced was the save. But deep-est him the Word, the Son of load. 'Tis Lord's A - noint ed, guilt! None shall ev - er be con - found ed, who on -Am D Εm 16 faith true and ful Word. stroke that ius tice gave. Man and Son of God. him hope have built! their

Confession of Faith

We join the global and historic church in professing what we believe as Christians, to remind ourselves of the hope we have and the life that hope invites us to live.

Confession of Sin

In God's presence, the evil that mars our lives – corporate and individual – comes to light. Through Jesus Christ, we are safe to be honest about ourselves because we fear no condemnation.

Assurance of Grace

God declares through his Church that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from all their sins and their guilty consciences cleansed.

Confession of Faith

Leader: What is grace?

Congregation: Grace is God's favor towards us, unearned and undeserved; by grace God forgives our sins, enlightens our minds, stirs our hearts, and strengthens our wills.

- Book of Common Prayer Catechism

Confession of Sin

All: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted. The troubles of our hearts are enlarged; bring us out of our distresses. Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins. Amen. — *Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18*

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Now hear this promise of grace and forgiveness from the word of God, from Galatians 2, verses 16 and 19:

We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified... For through the law we died to the law, so that we might live to God.

Leader: To those who repent of their sin and look to Jesus Christ for salvation, the forgiveness of sins is fully yours, by the grace of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

Congregation: and our mouths will declare your praise.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Before the Throne of God Above

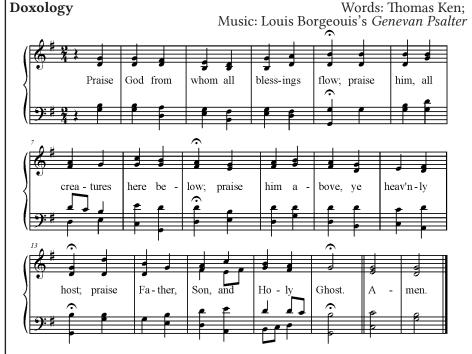
Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft; Music: Vikki Cook



Offertory

We give back to God our wealth and talents in recognition that they all come from him. These gifts help support the mission and ministries of the church.

Offertory



Prayers of the People

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

Passing of the Peace

We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relationships with each other.

Life Together

We share important announcements and prayer requests for our church community.

Prayers of the People

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you!

Life Together

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22, page 976 in pew Bible

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

It Is Well With My Soul

Words: Horatio G. Spafford; Music: Philip Bliss

Rev. Travis Drake



Scripture Reading

The public reading of God's Word is integral whenever God's people gather to worship. The first step to faith is listening to his Word.

Sermon

God has ordained the preaching of his Word to illuminate and apply the good news of Jesus Christ to our hearts that would remain dull and hard apart from the operation of his Holy Spirit

Lord's Supper

God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form – uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ.

Servers come forward as liturgy begins.

We ask that those in the balcony come forward first, followed by those on the main floor, starting in the back row.

Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and gluten-free wafers are in the center of each bread tray for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.

At the end of the service, please dispose of your cup as you exit the sanctuary.

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Words of Institution

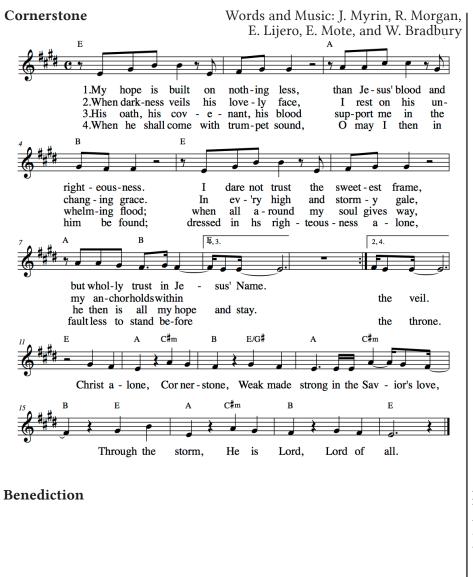
Distributing of Elements

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Those Desiring to Trust in Jesus Christ for the First Time Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.

Partaking of the Elements



Benediction

We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

Please dispose of your communion cups as you exit the sanctuary. Thank you! Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.