

Lord's Day Worship at Grace Presbyterian Church

Sunday morning, December 5, 2021

Theme of the Quarter: Isaiah 52:10

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Welcome & Announcements

Remembering the First Coming of Our King

Leader: Dearly beloved, what are you waiting for?

Congregation: **We are waiting for the true king.**

Behold, Jesus, the true king, has come!

Today we light the candle of PEACE, for Jesus is the prince who brings peace to the world: our eternal hope, our Prince of peace.

Let us pray:

Dear Father God, help us to come with reverent awe to Christ's birth. Help us to understand the deep humility of the Almighty God drawing near to bring peace to men. For,

*Messiah came clothed in disgrace,
Our glorious King was despised and debased*

Together: **Thank you for sending us Jesus, our Prince of peace. Amen.**

Preparing Our Hearts in Silence to Worship the Living God

Coming into the Presence of the Living God

***Receiving the Lord's Invitation to Come to Him in Worship – Psalm 22:23, 25**

Pastor: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Congregation: **From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.**

***Lifting Our Hearts to the Lord in Humble Adoration & Praise**

Pastor: God of glory and splendor, we praise you for condescending to deliver us from our sin and misery. Help us to fear you with grateful reverence, in this service and on into all the days to come. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

Congregation: **Our Father...**

***Praising God in Song**

"Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor" *Trinity Hymnal* 230

Hearing the Word of God from the Old Testament

Psalm 22:1-21

Hearing the Word of God from the New Testament

John 6:41-51

Bringing Our Prayers to the Living God

Delighting in Our God in Song

"Away in a Manger" *Trinity Hymnal* 204 (using alternate lyrics by Rachel Kohler below)

*Away in a manger, surrounded by sheep
Young Mary laid down her small newborn to sleep
The shepherds bore witness as night turned to day*

That Immanuel slept on damp musty hay

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
And what plaintive crying the poor child now makes
For God come as man is now hungry and cold
High royalty lies 'midst manure and mold*

*Be near me Lord Jesus, my Lord and my King
For whom angel choirs and starry hosts sing
You came here from heaven to die on a cross
The great gift of God come to rescue the lost*

***Confessing Our Faith Together**

Westminster Larger Catechism Question 49

Q49: How did Christ humble himself in his death?

A49: Christ humbled himself in his death, in that having been betrayed by Judas, forsaken by his disciples, scorned and rejected by the world, condemned by Pilate, and tormented by his persecutors; having also conflicted with the terrors of death, and the powers of darkness, felt and borne the weight of God's wrath, he laid down his life an offering for sin, enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death of the cross.

***Praising the Lord with the Doxology**

"Doxology" (Trinity Hymnal 731):

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Bringing our Tithes and Offerings to the Lord with Prayer**

"Et in Terra Pax" by John Purifoy

*Et in terra pax, and on earth peace. (x2)
Gloria in excelsis! Glory to God in the highest!
Et in terra pax, and on earth peace.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! (x2)
And suddenly with the angel there was
a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:
Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace.
Et in terra pax, and on earth peace. (x2)*

(Children age 4 through K may be dismissed to Children's Church)

Giving Heed to the Word of God

Isaiah 53:1-3

Despised and Rejected- Rev. Nicholas Davelaar

I. The LORD's Servant would be despised and rejected. (vv. 1-3)

II. Yet not all is lost because of the arm of the LORD. (v. 1)

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

***Responding to the Living God in Song**

"All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord" *Trinity Hymnal* 219:1,2,3,5

***The Lord Sends Us Out into the World with His Benediction**