



A Congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

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Morning Order of Worship

Prelude

Announcements: Pastor Zach Siggins

Silent Preparation for Worship

Greeting

God's Call to Worship: Psalm 150:1-2

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Psalm: #150C *Sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!*

Prayer for God's Blessing

Hymn: #465 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Confession of Faith: (in unison): The Nicene Creed

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his 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 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the
dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life,
who proceeds 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 in 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.

Scripture Reading: James 5:13-20 (Bible p.1013)

Prayer of Confession (in unison): From *The Liturgy of the Church of Nigeria*.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, We have sinned against You and
against our neighbors, in thought and word and deed, through
negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We
have not sufficiently walked according to the mind of Christ. We have
named the name of Christ, but have not departed from iniquity. We are
truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of Your Son Jesus
Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may
serve You in newness of life, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has
passed away; behold, the new has come.

Hymn: #276 *Jesus Paid It All*

Prayer for God's People

Offering

Sermon: Pastor Zach Siggins

Text: Acts 19:11-41 (Bible p.928)

Title: Changed People and Places

Hymn: #538 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

God's Blessing

Evening Order of Worship

Prelude

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Silent Preparation for Worship

Greeting

God's Call to Worship: Hebrews 12:18-24

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Psalm: #122A *I Was Filled with Joy and Gladness*

Prayer for God's Blessing

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21 (Bible p.1041)

Confession of Sin (in Unison): From the Liturgy of John Chrysostom.

Again and countless times we fall down before You, and we implore You, O Good One, Who loves mankind: That you: having regarded our prayer, may cleanse our souls and bodies from every defilement of flesh and spirit, and

grant us to stand before You holy altar of sacrifice, free of guilt and condemnation. Grant also, O God, to those who pray with us, progress in life, faith, and spiritual understanding. Grant that they always worship You with awe and love, partake of Your Holy Mysteries without guilt or condemnation, and be deemed worthy of Your celestial Kingdom. That, ever guarded by Your might, we may ascribe glory to You, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Revelation 7:9-14

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Psalm: #116A *I Love the Lord, for He Has Heard My Voice* (vv. 1-4, 8)

Prayer Requests and Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Pastor Zach Siggins

Text: Nehemiah 11 (Bible p.406)

Title: Living in the Holy City

Sermon Point and Outline: It is a blessing to live in the holy city where God dwells.

Hymn: #468 *Jerusalem the Golden*

The Lord's Supper

Psalm: #133A *How Excellent a Thing It Is*

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