

The Lord's Day

February 25, 2018

10:30 AM

*We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.
As you enter the sanctuary, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your thoughts toward God.*

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. *Isaiah 53:7*

Prelude

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello
Guy McIntosh, trumpet
Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

We praise our great God

Choral Introit

Whom Shall We Send?

Warren Martin

Whom shall we send? And who will go for us? Here am I, Lord, send me.

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 24:1-5 (ESV)

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

*Hymn No. 76

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;

Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;

In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;

But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;

Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalm 27

(Hymnal pg. 793)

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.

Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

Do not turn me over to the desire of my foe, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Romans 8:33-35

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns?

Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

*Confession of Faith (responsive)

Westminster Shorter Catechis, Qs 76-78

Which is the ninth commandment? **The ninth commandment is “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.”**¹

¹ Exod. 20:16

What is required in the ninth commandment? **The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man,¹ and of our own and our neighbor’s good name,² especially in witness-bearing.³**

¹ Zech. 8:16 ² 3 John 12 ³ Prov. 14:5, 25

What is forbidden in the ninth commandment? **The ninth commandment forbids whatsoever is prejudicial to truth or injurious to our own or our neighbor’s, good name.**¹

¹ 1 Sam. 17:28; Lev. 19:16; Ps. 15:3

*Hymn No. 246

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Bliss

Man of Sorrows! What a name for the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,
Sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he;
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, “It is finished!” was his cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Mission's Report

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

**The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731)* and Prayer of Dedication

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

Go Into the World

Natalie Sleeth

Go ye, go ye into the world and make disciples of all the nations, Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there! Go ye, go ye into the world and take the Gospel to all the people, Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there! Go ye now and make disciples of all the nations, Go ye now and I will be with you there. Go ye now and take the Gospel to all the people, God ye now and I will be with you there. I am the vine and you, the branches, I am the light for you share so Go ye now and tell the story to all believers, Go ye now and I will be with you there! Go ye, go ye into the world and make disciples of all the nations, Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there! Go ye, go ye into the world and take the Gospel to all the people Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there! I am the vine, you are the branches, ever the fruit to bear; I am the light, you the reflection every where; Go ye, go ye into the world and tell the story to all believers. Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there; And I will be with you there!

Musical Interlude

After the Offertory, children grades 1-4 may recess for Children's Church through the side door, or may remain with their families.

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:57-68

(Pew Bible, pg. 704)

Jesus Before Caiaphas and the Council

⁵⁷ Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" ⁶² And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." ⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸ saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

Sermon

"The King's Arraignment"

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn No. 441

Jesus Shall Reign

Duke Street

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

*Benediction and Three-Fold *Amen* (*Hymnal*, pg. 740)
Postlude *Trumpet Voluntary*

Danish
Henry Purcell

*Those who are able, please stand.

We welcome Eric & Anna Graham, new MTW-Next appointees to Bogotá, Columbia.

The deadline for Easter Tulips is March 4th! They are the same price again this year, \$8.50. The flower book will be on the back table. You can call Carolyn Clark at [410-931-6392](tel:410-931-6392) if you have questions.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM	Worship Children's Church (grades 1-4)
	6:30 PM	Youth Group tonight!
MONDAY	7:00 PM	Young Adult Bible Study
TUESDAY	10:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study (church library)
	10:30 AM	Men's Bible Study (1 st floor classroom)
	7:00 PM	Ladies' Bible Study (church library)
	7:30 PM	Session & Deacons' Meetings
WEDNESDAY	7:30 PM	Youth Group Bible Study (call John for location)
THURSDAY	7:30 PM	Choir practice
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Children's Church (grades 1-4)
	6:30 PM	Youth Group (grades 7-12)

Coming soon

Wednesday, March 14th Lenten Service
Soup & Salad at 6:30 PM and Service at 7:15 PM

Maunday Thursday Service, March 29th at 7:00 PM at APC
Good Friday Service, March 30th at 7:00 PM at LRPC
Easter Sunday, April 1st at 10:30 AM (music by the Baltimore Brass)

Rev. Robert E. Bell, Pastor
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