

The Order for the Worship of God

February 21, 2021

11:00 a.m.

"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."
(Revelation 1:5b-6)

Welcome and Announcements (Please turn your cell phone to "silent" mode. Thank you!)

Prelude

Deborah Davis

Call to Worship

from Mark 2 and Psalm 28

PASTOR: Jesus said, "Son, your sins are forgiven.... I say to you, rise pick up your bed and go home." And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all.

ALL: So that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" My heart exults, and with my song I give praise and thanks to the Lord.

*Hymn #164

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Morning Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Scripture Lesson

Mark 2:1-12

Sermon Series on Mark #8

Rev. Dr. H. Andrew Silman

Please read the following prayer after which confess personal sins to God.

Almighty, infinite Father, we come to you today to confess our weakness and rebellion against you. We thank you that you have chosen to love desperate sinners like ourselves. Your love and determination to rescue us from our sin give us the courage to admit the profound depravity of our desires, thoughts, and actions. We are people who want our kingdoms to come and our will to be done. Wonderful, merciful Savior, we thank you that you have disarmed the wrath of God. Though we are slow to bear fruit and prone to run far from you, you have paid for all our rebellion and weakness. By taking our sin upon yourself and giving us your perfect obedience, you have made us worthy to stand before God, confident that his justice is satisfied. Holy Spirit, our counselor, comforter, and keeper, remind us that while we live here on earth, we will continue to be weak sinners. In the midst of our many failures, give us joy in the cross and delight in our salvation. Humble us with our inability and fill us daily with a fresh love for you that makes us long to delight you with our thoughts and actions. Grant to us a strong faith to believe that you are always for us and never against us, no matter how often we fall. Grant that we trust and obey King Jesus, give him all our worship, adoration, and praise, and bring to him our family and friends. Amen.

*Hymn #447

Christ for the World We Sing

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Postlude

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*Congregation Stands. (Please feel free to be seated at any time.)

WELCOME TO ALL who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

DR. SILMAN'S SERMONS are prerecorded and aired at 8:00 a.m. on WSQL Radio (1240 AM or 102.1 FM or may be accessed online at www.wsql.info) each Sunday. A link to the sermon is sent out by email each week and may also be listened to on the church web page.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN benefitting The Center for Women is now underway. The return date on the bottles is Sunday, February 28th.

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free,
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ,
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
With loving zeal; the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
Sin-sick and sorrow worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring
With fervent pray'r: the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
Redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring
With joyful song; the newborn souls whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
Inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.