

Face of Grace Sunday, July 14, 2024

Prelude In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's forgiveness, let us confess our sin.

To you, O God, all hearts are open and all desires known. We come to you confessing our failures by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us in your mercy and remember us in your love, that your face of grace might shine on us all. Amen.

Beloved people of God: By the power of the Holy Spirit, God gives you a new birth. Through the dying and rising of Jesus Christ, God gives you new life. By the almighty power of God, you are forgiven all your sins. May the face of God bring you comfort, courage, and peace. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Praise and Thanksgiving

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer For all things living, you have made good: Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Father, providing food for your children, By Wisdom's guiding teach us to share, One with another, so that, rejoicing, With us, all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, Freely confessing your gracious hand. Where you are reigning, no one will hunger, Your love sustaining showers the land.

Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Hymn of Praise

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord I love to sing your praises I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us You came from heaven to earth to show the way From the earth to the cross my debt to pay From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky Lord, I lift your name on high.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

"Face of Grace" Litany

Yield yourselves to the LORD and come to his sanctuary and serve the LORD your God. For the LORD your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him." (2 Chronicles 30)

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? (Psalm 42)

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. (Psalm 67)

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

For we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake. God has given us the light of the glory of God in the face of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4)

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come, Henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong, And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace. For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, But deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears, For gladness breaks like morning **where'er your face appears**. Your cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light, The crown awaits the conquest, lead on, O God of might. Reading John 10

Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. Jesus said to them again, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again."

Message

Hymn of the Day

Softly and Tenderly

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me See, on the portals, He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Chorus:

Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, O sinner, come home

- 2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and me? (Chorus)
- 3. Oh for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. *(Chorus)*

Apostles' Creed

We believe in you, O God,

Who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.

We believe in you, O God,

Who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.

We believe in you, O God,

Who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love.

All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.

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Offertory Response

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be, Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Closing Prayer

Gracious Lord God, we have received from you more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us by your holy presence and your holy word, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. Help us to see the face of Christ in every person we meet. In your name we pray.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his face to you and grant you peace. In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Comforter. (Numbers 6)

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Go, My Children

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone, Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own. In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever, Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure, Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory, Go my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me, Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you, Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In Our Prayers:

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