

Sunday, 28 February 2021

† **Invocation:** [standing]

† **Opening Sentences:** [seated]

† **Call to Confession:** [seated]

† **Confession of Sin:** [seated or kneeling]

† **Absolution:** [seated]

† **Assurance of Pardon:** [seated]

Pastor: Let us stand as we hear the assurance of pardon from Colossians 2:13-14:

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has resurrected together with Him, having forgiven you all sins. He blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us and contrary to us, and He took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross.

Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever.

All: Amen.

† **Greeting:** [seated]

† **Call to Worship:** [seated]

† **Adoration:**

Pastor: Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory for ever. In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn and your healing springs up for deliverance. As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit and open our lips to sing your praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

† **Hymn: #529 Take Up Thy Cross (Hymns of Grace and Glory) [standing]**

1. "Take up thy Cross," the Savior said,
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me."

2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

4. Take up thy cross, then, in His strength,
And calmly every danger brave
Twill guide thee to a better home,
And lead to vict'ry o'er the grave.

5. Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

† **Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed [seated]**

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the 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 men 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 sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick 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 worshiped 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: [standing]

OT Reading of God's Holy Word
Reader: Hear the Word of the Lord
Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7
Reader: The Word of the LORD.
People: Thanks be to God

NT Reading of God's Holy Word
Reader: Hear the Word of the Lord
Scripture: Romans 4:13-25
Reader: The Word of the LORD.
People: Thanks be to God

† Prayer: [seated]

† Hymn: #560 Take My Life and Let It Be (Hymns of Grace and Glory) [standing]

1. Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3. Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose,
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

† **Pastoral Prayer:** [seated]

† **Sermon:** [seated]

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

† General Thanksgiving:

† Closing Hymn: # 582 We Never Need Be Vanquished (Hymns of Grace and Glory)
[standing]

1. We never need be vanquished,
We never need give in,
Though waging war with Satan,
And compassed round by sin.
Temptations will beset us,
Allurements oft assail,
But in the Name of Jesus
We shall, we must prevail.

2. God wills not that His people
By sin enthralled should be,
But that their lives, as ransomed,
Be lives of victory;
And so at our disposal
He places all His pow'r,
That we from its resources
May draw in danger's hour.

3. Herein is hid the secret
Of an all-glorious life
Whereby we conquer Satan,
And rise above sin's strife.
Abiding in the Saviour,
Self prostrate in the dust,
We live to do His bidding
In glad perpetual trust.

4. We in ourselves are nothing,
A small and feeble host,
Nor have we aught of prowess
Wherein to make our boast.
Our stronghold is Christ Jesus,
His grace alone we plead,
His Name our shield and banner,
Himself- just all we need.

† Commission: [standing]

† Closing Prayer: [standing]

† Benediction: [standing]

† Dismissal: [standing]

Pastor: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.