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The Word is for All



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OPENING HYMN

190 - We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost



1 We now im - plore God the Ho - ly Ghost
2 Shine in our hearts, O most pre - cious Light,
3 O sa - cred Love, grace on us be - stow,
4 O high - est Com - fort in ev - 'ry need,



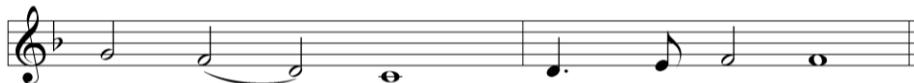
For the true faith which we need the most,
That we Je - sus Christ may know a - right,
Set our hearts with heav'n - ly fire a - glow,
Grant that nei - ther shame nor death we heed



That in our last mo - ments he may be -
Cling - ing to our Sav - ior, whose blood has
That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each
That e'en then our cour - age may nev - er



friend us And, as home - ward we jour - ney,
bought us, Who a - gain to our home - land
oth - er, Of one mind, in peace with ev -
fail us When the foe shall ac - cuse and



at - tend us. Lord, have mer - cy!
has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!
'ry broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German hymn, c. 13th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-4; tr. composite.
Tune: NUN BITTEN WIR (99 11 10 4) *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

INVOCATION

Minister The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord

**Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Here thy praise is gladly chanted; Here thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me. (255:1,3)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 8:22, 23, 41-43

At the dedication of the Temple, Solomon prays that those not of Israel might use it, too.

¹ KINGS 8:22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands toward heaven ²³ and said:

“O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.

⁴¹ “As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name- ⁴² for men will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm—when he comes and prays toward this temple, ⁴³ then hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.

PSALM 100

233 – All People that on Earth do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; Ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord, our God, is good; His mer - cy
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom

Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with fear; his praise
aid he did us make. We are his folk; he doth
joy his courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless his name
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times firm -
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the an -

forth - tell; Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.
al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.
gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1593, alt.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

SECOND LESSON Galatians 1:1-10

Paul speaks stern words to the Galatians, Gentiles who were in danger of losing the true Word.

GALATIANS 1:1 Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—²and all the brothers with me,

To the churches in Galatia:

³Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

⁶I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! ⁹As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

¹⁰Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL Luke 7:1-10

Christ commends the Roman centurion, a Gentile, for his faith.

LUKE 7:1 When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ²There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. ³The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, ⁵because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." ⁶So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. ⁷That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

⁹When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." ¹⁰Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

401 - Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad -
 2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal
 3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne
 4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid
 5 Your right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone



ness to this heart. They tell me all
 my sin - ful soul; Your wounds, not mine,
 the dread - ful load Of sins that none
 the ran - som due; Ten thou - sand deaths
 can cov - er me; No oth - er right -



is done; They bid my fear de - part.
 con - tain; The balm that makes me whole.
 could bear But the in - car - nate God.
 like mine Would have been all too few.
 eous - ness Can set a sin - ner free.

Refrain



To whom but you, who can a - lone For



sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.
 Tune: ST. JOHN (66 66 88) *The Parish Choir*, London, 1850.



SERMON
Galatians 1:1-10

There is Only One Way to “Live Free”

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in the world, for peace in the Church, for peace in the home and for peace in our lives, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the gift of divine pardon and for the renewal of our hearts, that we may love the Lord with all that we are and all that we have, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the nations and those who govern them, for our own country and leaders, for our cities and communities, for good laws and faithful citizens, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For reasonable weather, for the fruitfulness of the earth, for honest industry and labor, and for wisdom to use these resources well, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and those in need, for the unemployed and underemployed, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for those in prison, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and those who suffer, for the grieving in their loss, and for the dying in their last days on earth, [*especially _____*] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who care for the sick and those who attend to the dying; for those who provide child care; and for police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel and disaster-relief workers, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For thankful hearts at all of God's gifts, and for the grace of giving that we may return to Him the tithes and offerings He is due, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the witness of the saints, let us give thanks and pray the Lord to grant us at the last a good death and our part and fellowship with those who have gone before, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all these things and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

To You, O Lord, be glory and honor, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

768 - How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints
 2 "Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path -
 5 "Through - out all their life - time my peo -



of the Lord, Is laid for your
 not dis - mayed; For I am your
 for re - pose I will not, I
 way shall lie, My grace all - suf -
 ple shall prove My sov' - reign, e -



faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What
 God and will still give you aid; I'll
 will not, de - sert to his foes. That
 fi - cient shall be your sup - ply. The
 ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love, And



more can he say than to you
 strength - en you, help you, and cause
 soul, though all hell should en - deav -
 flames will not hurt you; I on -
 then, when gray hair shall their tem -



he has said Who un - to the
 you to stand, Up - held by my
 or to shake, I'll nev - er, no
 ly de - sign Your dross to con -
 ples a - dorn, Like lambs they shall



Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!
 sume and your gold to re - fine.
 still on my shoul - ders be borne.”

The beloved words of this hymn are wed to its traditional American melody.

PRAYER

M Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
 Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Standing on the Promises

Text: R. Kelso Carter, Public Domain

Sung by Small Group Choir

1 *Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.*

Refrain:

*Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.*

2 *Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God.*

[Refrain]

3 *Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.*

[Refrain]

4 *Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.*

[Refrain]

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.