

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

“Let those refuse to sing, who never knew our God.” Isaac Watts

November 8, 2020

10:45 AM

THE PRELUDE

THE GREETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Minister: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS-PASTOR BARNES

THE SERVICE OF PRAISE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP-*PSALM 98:1-2,4*

Minister: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done wonderful things!

Congregation: His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him!

Minister: The Lord has made known His salvation;

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations!

**Congregation: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth and sing for joy, and sing praises!**

THE PSALM OF WORSHIP-*THE PSALTER 98B*

To the Lord O Sing a New Song (*stanzas 1-3*)

**To the Lord O sing a new song for the wonders he has done;
His right hand and arm most holy have for Him the vict'ry won.
And the Lord revealed His rescue, his salvation He made known;
In the sight of every nation He His righteousness has shown.**

**He recalled His love for Isr'el, and to them has faithful been;
When our God sent His salvation it around the earth was seen.
Sing unto the Lord with gladness, all the earth sing joyful praise,
To the Lord with harp make music, with the harp your voices raise.**

**With the blast of horn and trumpet shout before the Lord, the King.
Let the sea resound with praises, earth with all its people, sing.
Let the rivers in their gladness clap their hands with one accord;
Let the mountains sing together and rejoice before the Lord.**

THE INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE PSALM OF DEVOTION-THE PSALTER 40A
I Waited for the Lord (*stanzas 1 & 2*)

**I waited for the Lord; He stooped and heard my cry.
He brought me from a pit, out of the dungeoun mire,
My feet set on a rock, my footsteps made secure.
My lips He gave a song, a song to praise our God.**

**Many will see with awe, and so will trust the Lord.
Blessed he who trusts the Lord, and turns not to false men.
Lord, none compares to You, Your thoughts and works, my God!
Should I declare each one, their number is too great.**

*(Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plates on the table at
the back of the sanctuary at the conclusion of the worship service,
or you may give online by going to www.tpcstatesboro.com.)*

THE SERVICE OF FAITH

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH-THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. [*universal]

THE DOXOLOGY-NO. 733

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

THE GLORIA PATRI- NO. 735

**Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE READING-II PETER 1:16-21

The Reader: The Word of the Lord!
The Congregation: Thanks be to God!
The Reader: May God's Word live in us!
The Congregation: And bear much fruit to His glory!

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Minister: Let us pray that we hold fast to the inspired and infallible Word of God.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, thank You for moving upon men by Your Spirit that we might have Your Word made sure. Grant us hearts that embrace Your holy and infallible word, that we may know Your salvation and walk in Your ways; this we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your eternal Son, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

THE PSALM OF PREPARATION-*THE PSALTER 54B*

By Your Name, O God (*stanzas 1-2*)

**By Your name, O God, now save me; grant me justice by Your strength,
To these words of mine give answer; O my God, now hear my prayer.
Strangers have come up against me, even men of violence.
And they seek my life's destruction; God is not within their thoughts.**

**See how God has been my helper, how my Lord sustains my soul:
To my foes He pays back evil – in Your truth destroy them all!
I will sacrifice with gladness; Your good name I'll praise, O Lord.
He has saved me from all trouble; I have looked on all my foes.**

THE PRAYERS OF ADORATION

THE PRIVATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God, we humbly admit that we need your help. We confess that we have wandered from your way: we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us. Have mercy on us: wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

THE PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION

THE SERVICE OF WORD

THE HYMN OF WORSHIP-*NO. 383*

Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

**Almighty God, your word is cast like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend, and righteous fruits abound.**

**Let not the foe of Christ and man this holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.**

**Let not the world's deceitful cares the rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold the fruits of peace and joy.**

**Oft as the precious seed is sown, your quick'ning grace bestow,
That all whose souls the truth receive, its saving pow'r may know.**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON-MARK 4:3-9, 13-20

**THE SERMON-PASTOR BARNES
“The Sower and the Soils” Part II**

**THE HYMN OF WORSHIP-NO. 338
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart**

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
And make me love thee as I ought to love.**

**I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.**

**Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King?
All, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength and mind.
I see thy cross – there teach my heart to cling:
O let me seek thee, and O let me find.**

**Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.**

**Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove,
My heart an altar and they love the flame.**

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

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