

Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church

Order for the Worship of God — 10:30 a.m. on November 15th 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 11:28-30

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth (TH# 116)
Folliott S. Pierpoint (1864)

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
[Refrain]

Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

5 For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely giv'n,
graces human and divine,
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,
[Refrain]

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
and 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, dead, and buried;
He descended to the dead.
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 14:17-24

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 5:6

SERMON

Jesus: The Patron Saint of Sinners

Rev. Jake Susek

PRAYER

THE LORD'S SUPPER

CLOSING HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (TH# 715)
Henry Alford (1844, 1867)

1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home:
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown:
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

BENEDICTION

SERMON NOTES

Jesus: The Patron Saint of Sinners

Hebrews 5:6

Reflections:

"In the Christian view, however, the ultimate evidence for the existence of God is Jesus Christ himself. If there is a God, we characters in his play have to hope that he put some information about himself in the play. But Christians believe he did more than give us information. He wrote *himself* into the play as the main character in history, when Jesus was born in a manger and rose from the dead. He is the one with whom we have to do."

Tim Keller in The Reason for God

- *If "Son", then we have special access to God through Him...*there is help*
- *If "Heir", then all the promises of God are ours...*there is provision*
- *If "Creator", then he brings order out of chaos...*good out of sorrow*
- *If he "manifests the glory of God" and shows his character...
So too, do we, when we endure suffering and still follow after him...
- *If he "Sustains" the universe, then he will sustain *you*...
- *If he "Makes Purification" from sin...*able to clean up the messes we make*...
- *If he "Sat down", as he rules *he is able to direct our next step*...

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:

- Some people just really know how to have a good time...
- Objective: To show the relevance of Jesus being a priest "after the order of Melchizedek."

I. The Mosaic Priesthood:

[a] The creation of a Special Office

Exodus 19:5,6 "Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples...and you shall be to me a KINGDOM OF PRIESTS and a holy nation."

Exodus 28:1 / 29:9 "Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from the people of Israel, to serve me as PRIESTS...and the PRIESTHOOD shall be theirs by statute forever. Thus you shall ordain Aaron and his sons."

i.e., The "Levitical" Priesthood – from the Tribe of Levi

[b] The Function of the Priesthood

Hebrews 5:1

"For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins."

***A priest stands between men and God - Daily / Day of Atonement

II. The Problem / Solution:

Jesus is from the Tribe of Judah. Can't be a High Priest - Heb 5:6 / 7:17

Genesis 14:17-24

*Melchizedek = "Melch = King / Zedek = Righteousness

-Of "Salem" – king of Peace = Jerusalem

He was a "priest" of God Most High

He brought out bread and wine

He blessed Abraham, Abraham gave him a tithe

The "greater" blesses the "lesser" / the "lesser" gives tithes to the "greater".

[then silence until.....Psalm 110)

Psalm 110:

Vs. 1 - "The LORD said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.'"

JEHOVAH is saying something to SOMEONE

i.e., to David's Lord.

\$64,000.00 Question:

Who is David's Lord?

[a] Jewish Study Bible says a prophet is relaying a message from God to David, i.e., *his Lord (or, "my Lord")*. Some truth, cf. Psalm 2

[b] But (1) not the wording of the Psalm and (2) Jewish / OT expectation was that the Messiah would eventually be David's "son"...and the Messiah would then, ultimately be, David's "Lord". (Matt 12:23 / Jn 7:42)

Matt 22:42-46

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit calls him Lord, saying:

The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'?"

If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word...

ANSWER: David's "Lord" was ultimately David's "son" the Messiah/Jesus.

Vs. 4: "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

III. What Does This Mean to Us?

Jesus is our High Priest, after the order of Melchizedek...

*He is our Mediator between us and God - Heb 7:23-25 (I Ti 2:5)

*He is a sympathetic high priest through whom we find help – Heb 4:14-16

My dear Sister and my dear Uncle Bob...

From the Detroit Catholic:

"Our protestant friends (particularly Evangelicals) sometime claim that all Christians are priests, and that there is no special class set apart from others in the church. The priesthood as we know it today is not a strong motif in the N.T."

R.C. = "Sacramental" / cf. The Latin Mass

POINT:

Jesus is our High Priest – He alone is the mediator between God and Man.

He invites us to come to Him and all who come he will never cast out.

He is the Patron Saint of Sinners!