

Order Of Worship :: March 11th, 2012 :: The Third Sunday in Lent

Lent is a 40-day period before Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday. We don't count Sundays because they are always 'feast' days, commemorating the Resurrection. Lent is a season of soul-searching, repentance, and reflection. This tradition originated in the early Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when Christ's followers sought to rededicate themselves to obedience, sacrifice and acts of service. By observing the 40 days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for 40 days.

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on Isaiah 43:19-21

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship Him, and we rejoice!

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us.

Alleluia! We rejoice!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord God, in this season of Lent we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus' death and our celebration of His resurrection. We pray that your Spirit will renew in us today our anticipation for these events and our awareness that Jesus' death and resurrection are a sure source of hope and life. In the power of Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SONG OF APPROACH: For the Beauty of the Earth

Words by Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864; Music by Conrad Kocher, 1838; Arr. by Village Church, 2012

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

For the wonder of each hour, Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light

Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild

For the martyrs' crown of light, For Thy prophets' eagle eye,
For Thy bold confessors' might, For the lips of infancy.

Chorus

For Thyself, best gift divine, To our race so freely given
For that deep, great love of Thine, Peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Chorus

CONFESSION OF SIN: Isaiah 58:6-8; Psalm 130:3-6

Is not this the fast I choose: to loosen the bonds of injustice; to share your bread with the hungry; to bring the homeless poor into your house; to clothe the naked? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly.

Having heard these promises, let us confess our sins together.

Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Now is a time of silent confession for specific and personal sins.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Ephesians 2:8

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Thanks Be to God!

SONG OF CONFESSION: Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

Words by Isaac Watts, 1707; Arr. by Village Church of E.A., 2010

Alas and did my Savior bleed and did my Sov'reign die
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I

*At the Cross at the cross where I first saw the light
and the burden of my heart rolled away
It was there by faith I received my sight
and now I am happy all the day*

Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree
Amazing pity grace unknown and love beyond degree

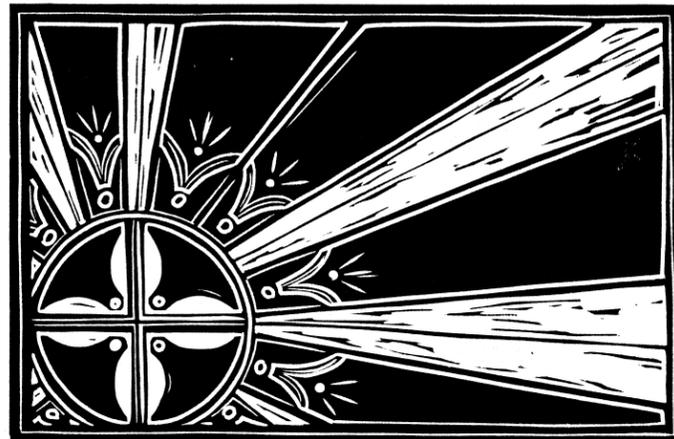
Chorus

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut His glories in
When Christ the mighty Maker died for man the creatures' sin

Chorus

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe
Here Lord I give myself away 'Tis all that I can do

Chorus



SONG OF PRAISE: Only Trust Him

Words and Music by John Stockton and Ira Sankey, c. 1873 - 1874

Come every soul by sin oppressed there's mercy with the Lord
and He will surely give you rest by Trusting in His Word

Only trust Him, Only trust Him

Only trust Him now.

He will save you, He will save you

He will save you now.

For Jesus shed His precious blood rich blessings to bestow;
Plunge now into the crimson flood That washes white as snow

Chorus

Yes, Jesus is the Truth the way That leads you into rest
Believe in Him without delay and you are fully blest

Chorus

Come then and join this holy band and on to glory go
To dwell in that celestial land where joys immortal flow

Chorus

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed (325 A.D.)

Christian, what is it that we believe?

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children, crawling - 5 years old, are dismissed to Sunday School at this time.

SONG OF REFLECTION: Lead Me To the Cross

Words and Music by Brooke Fraser, 2006

Savior I come, Quiet my soul remember
Redemptions hill, Where Your blood was spilled, for my ransom
Everything I once held dear I count it all as loss

Lead me to the cross Where Your love poured out

Bring me to my knees Lord I lay me down

Rid me of myself I belong to You

Lead me, lead me to the cross

You were as I tempted and tried, Human
The Word became flesh bore my sin and death, Now you're risen
Everything I once held dear I count it all as loss

Chorus

To your heart, to your heart.

Lead me to your heart

Lead me to your heart

Chorus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 7:14-23

Page 843 in Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

SERMON: A People Set Apart

The Rev. Matt Armstrong

Acts 10:1-23a

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Notes

THE OFFERING

The offering is a part of our worship and for those who consider Village Church their home. Visitors should not feel any obligation to give.

SONG OF PRAISE: All to Jesus I Surrender

Words by Judson W. Van DeVenter, 1896

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken; Take me, Jesus, take me now.

I surrender all, I surrender all.

All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.

Chorus

COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Breaking Bread Together



DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

SONG OF THANKSGIVING: The Solid Rock

Words by Edward Mote, 1834; Music by William B. Bradbury, 1863

My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

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Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound,

Oh may I then in Him be found.

Dressed in His righteousness alone,

faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus

BENEDICTION: 1 Thessalonians 5:23,

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

SENDING: From 2 Corinthians 13:13

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

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn Sing - Please join us for our Hymn Sing tonight at 7:00pm at the home of Mary and David Fraser. Contact Jeremy Ezell at jeremyezellmusic@gmail.com for more information.

Nicholas House Service Event - Join Village Church as we serve our neighbors in need at Nicholas House. The dinner will be prepared and served on **Thursday, March 29th from 5:30-7:30pm.** If you're interested, please contact Jacob Rufenacht (j.rufenacht@gmail.com) by March 25th.

Village Church Seder - Saturday March 31st, 7:00-10:00pm

Jesus instituted the sacrament of 'The Lord's Supper' or 'Communion' at a Passover Meal with his disciples (Matt 26:17-29). The Passover Seder was/is the annual celebration of the Jews of their deliverance from slavery in Egypt. Experiencing the meal as Christians puts Communion into its historical context and sheds incredible insight for our own worship. You don't want to miss it!

Where: The Kids Club (Brownwood Park Rec Center)

When: Saturday, March 31st, 7:00-10:00pm

Cost: \$10 per person

This will be about a 3 hour service with a full dinner. The cost is \$10 per person. Please make checks payable to "Village Church of East Atlanta" with "Seder" written on the memo line. **Please RSVP to Ruthanne Burch** at ruthanneclare@gmail.com **by Sunday March 25th.** If you need childcare please let us know **as soon as possible** so that we can plan accordingly. We encourage children 6 and over to attend the service. However, if you feel that your child will be able to understand and be attentive, they are welcome to attend.

Stay Connected - Want to know about upcoming events and happenings at Village Church and the neighborhood? Sign up for our weekly info emails on our website.

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VILLAGE CHURCH

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WELCOME TO VILLAGE CHURCH!

Our desire is to be a church that is *in, of, and for* East Atlanta Village and its surrounding neighborhoods. We believe that the church is not a place to go, or an event to attend, but *a community of people* who have been changed by the love and grace of God in Jesus Christ. As those who have been so loved, the church is called to love and bless whatever place it finds itself. That's why we hope to not only be a church that meets *in* the neighborhood, or is simply made up *of* people from the neighborhood, but we desire to be *for* the neighborhood, working for its care and welfare.