

# Order Of Worship :: November 20, 2011 :: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

The Season After Pentecost lasts from the day after Pentecost to the day before Advent. Thus it begins on 13 June 2011 and ends on 26 November 2011. It is essentially the part of the year that is left over after everything has been accounted for. The name of this season varies widely from church to church—it can be called Kingdormtide, Dominontide, or Ordinary Time.

## GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Psalm 57:5, 7, 11

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth. My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.  
**Amen.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 5

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; early in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.  
**You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence I will bow down toward you.**  
Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Shelter them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.  
**For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.**

## SONG OF APPROACH: All Creatures of Our God and King

Words by Francis of Assisi, 1225 : Music by Lasst Uns Er-freue-en 1623, arr. David Crowder 2004

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
Oh Praise Him, Oh Praise Him, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia

And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part  
O sing ye, alleluia!  
You who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care  
Oh Praise Him Oh Praise Him, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness  
Oh praise Him Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one  
O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

## CONFSSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

O Lord, we want to enter Your presence, worshipping You face to face, awed by Your majesty, greatness, and glory; but encouraged by Your love. Yet there is a coldness in our hearts, a hardness toward You, an unwillingness to admit our sin and need for You.

**Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within us, in every thought, word, and deed; in a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to You, and always clings to the cross. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON: from Galatians 4:4-6

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

**Thanks Be to God!**

## SONG OF CONFESSION: Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

Words Robert Lowry, 1876; arr. by Village Church E.A. 2011

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my cleansing, this I see: Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my pardon, this my plea: Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know. Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

Nothing can for sin atone. Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Naught of good that I have done. Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
*Chorus*

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
*Chorus*

## SONG OF PRAISE: At Calvary

Words by William R. Newell, 1895; arr. by Village Church E.A. 2011

Years I spent in vanity and pride  
Caring not my Lord was crucified,  
Knowing not it was for me He died On Calvary

*Mercy there was great and grace was free  
Pardon there was multiplied to me  
There my burdened Soul found liberty  
at Calvary!*

By God's Word at last my sin I learned  
Then I trembled at the law I'd spurned  
Till my guilty soul imploring turned to Calvary

*Chorus*

Oh the love that drew salvation's plan  
Oh the grace that brought it down to man  
Oh the mighty Gulf that God did span at Calvary

## CONFESION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed

Christian what is it that you believe?

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to 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 catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## SONG OF REFLECTION: O Help My Unbelief

Words by Isaac Watts 1707; Music by Justin Smith 2010

How sad our state by nature is! Our sin, how deep it stains!  
And Satan binds our captive minds fast in his slavish chains  
But there's a voice of sov'reign grace, sounds from the sacred word:  
"O, ye despairing sinners come, and trust upon the Lord."

My soul obeys th' almighty call, and runs to this relief  
I would believe thy promise, Lord; O help my unbelief!  
To the dear fountain of thy blood, Incarnate God, I fly;  
Here let me wash my spotted soul, from crimes of deepest dye.

Stretch out Thine arm, victorious King, my reigning sins subdue;  
Drive the old dragon from his seat, with all his hellish crew.  
A guilty, weak, and helpless worm, on thy kind arms I fall;  
Be thou my strength and righteousness, my Jesus, and my all.

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 7:41-50

<sup>41</sup> "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup> Then those who were at table with him began to say

among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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

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

## SERMON: Great Grace

The Rev. Matthew Armstrong

Acts 4:32-37

<sup>32</sup> Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup> and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. <sup>36</sup> Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, <sup>37</sup> sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## THE OFFERING

The giving of tithes and offerings is part of our worship service and for those who consider this their church home. Visitors should not feel any obligation to give.

## SONG OF PRAISE: Take My Life and Let it Be

Words: Frances Havergal, 1874. Music: Louis Hérould, 1839.

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, for Thee  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise (repeat)

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 (repeat)

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee (repeat)

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use  
Every power as you choose (repeat)

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 (repeat)

Take my love; my Lord, I pour, at Your feet it's treasure store,  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee (repeat)

## 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: Micah 6:8

**Words and Music by Charlie Hall 2005**

You could feed the whole world through the crumbs of old bread  
Spread the good news through dreams and stones  
With the breath of Your winds You could raise up the dead  
But you ask us to go

*Help us love mercy*

*Help us do justly*

*Help us walk humbly with You God*

Forget not the widow, the orphan and slave  
God please remember the helpless today  
Call on Your children repairing the breach  
There's no place too far that Your mercy can't reach

*Chorus*

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## BENEDICTION

May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may you be kept sound and blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

God has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

**Thanks be to God!**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Potluck Lunch** - Join us for our own Village Church Thanksgiving meal after the service today!

A-K: Main Dish

L-P: Side Dish

R-Z: Dessert and Beverage

**Christmas Hymn Sing** - Join us for a special Hymn Sing on Sunday, December 4th at 6:30pm at the home of David and Mary Fraser. To RSVP or for more information please e-mail Mary Fraser at [mary.elisabeth.fraser@gmail.com](mailto:mary.elisabeth.fraser@gmail.com).

**Stay Connected** - Want to know about upcoming events and happenings at Village Church and the neighborhood? Sign up for our weekly emails on our website: [www.villagechurchofeastatlanta.org/connect](http://www.villagechurchofeastatlanta.org/connect).



# VILLAGE CHURCH

*of EAST ATLANTA*

## WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE CHURCH!

We hope you feel welcomed during your time with us today. As a new church we are still fleshing out what and who we will be here in East Atlanta. But at a minimum *we desire 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. We hope that you experience this during our time of worship together this morning.

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