

Order Of Worship :: February 26th, 2012 :: The First Sunday of Lent

Lent is a 40-day period before Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday (this year, March 9th). 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.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!
My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in tents of the wicked.
For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

SONG OF APPROACH: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words by Robert Robinson, 1758. Music by John Wyeth

Come Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my "Ebenezer";
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and joyful life, to the glory of Your holy name.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 9:15

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
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

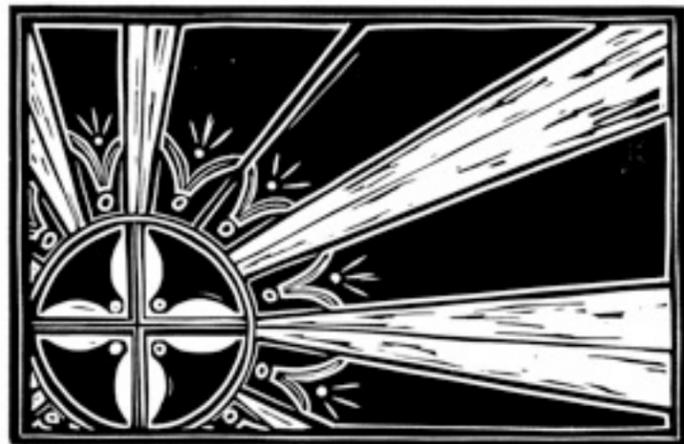
*Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow
No other fount I know. Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

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: Before the Throne of God Above

By Charitie L. Bancroft, 1863; arr. by Vikki Cooke

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high Priest whose Name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in Heaven He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace,
One in Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God!

CONFESSION 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: Give Reviving

Words by Albert Midlane 1873 alt. by Chelsey Scott; Music by Chelsey Scott and Aaron Sands 2007

Father for Thy promised blessing, Still we plead before Thy throne
For the times of, sweet refreshing, Which can come from Thee alone
Blessed earnest, Thou hast given, But in these we would not rest
Blessings still with Thee are hidden, Pour them forth and make us blest!

Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever, Answer! Father, answer prayer
Bless oh bless each weak endeavor, Blood-bought pardon to declare
Wake Thy slumbering children wake them,
Bid them to Thy harvest go
Blessings O our Father make, Round their steps let blessings flow

Let no people be forgotten, Let Thy showers on all descend
That in one loud blessed anthem, millions may in triumph blend
Give reviving, give refreshing, Give the looked-for Jubilee
To Thyself may crowds be pressing, Bringing glory unto Thee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OT/NT READING: Psalm 25:16-20

Page 459 in Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

SERMON: A Psalm of Hannah

The Rev. Adam Young

1 Samuel 1:1-2:10 (page 225 in pew Bible)

Leader: 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: Abide with Me

Words by Henry F. Lyte, 1847; Music and alt. text by Justin Smith

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile
and, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
thou hast not left me, though I oft left thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, tears loose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee.
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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: Jesus Cast a Look on Me

Words by John Berridge. Music by Matthew Perryman Jones.

Chorus added by Helen Kynes 2010

Jesus cast a look on me, Give me sweet simplicity

Make me poor and keep me low, Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride, Cast it ever-more aside

Bid my will to Thine submit, Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child, Of my strength and wisdom spoiled

Seeing only in Thy light, Walking only in thy might

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Leaning on Thy loving breast, Where a weary soul can rest

Feeling well the peace of God, Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live, And Hosannas daily give

In this temper let me die, And Hosannas ever cry!

Chorus

BENEDICTION Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Nik's Activity Hour/Childcare - Tuesday, February 28,

7:30pm-8:30pm - Provide a helping hand to the children of Nicolas House while parents are completing vocational classes and training. Volunteers will prepare one or two activities for children aged 8-11. Space is limited! To sign up, contact Jacob Rufenacht at j.rufenacht@gmail.com.

Newcomers' Wine and Cheese: If you're new to Village Church, you're invited to a wine and cheese party on Friday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Meeghan and Rob Fortson's home. This will be a great chance to get to know folks from the church and ask your questions. Email Meeghan at meeghanfortson@gmail.com for event details and to RSVP.

Hymn Sing - Sunday March 11th at 7pm

at the Home of David and Mary Fraser. The Hymn sing is a time for us to learn hymns together and fellowship so that we can approach Sunday morning worship with more freedom and confidence. It's totally laid back and a whole lot of fun!

For more info email: jeremy@villagechurchofeastatlanta.org

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

Come join us as we eat, sing, and learn about Jesus' final meal with his disciples. The cost is \$10 per person. **Please RSVP using the link in the weekly email update or email Ruthanne Burch at ruthanneclare@gmail.com by Sunday March 25th.** 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.

www.villagechurchofeastatlanta.org/connect.



VILLAGE CHURCH

of EAST ATLANTA

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.

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