

Soli Deo Gloria

To God Alone be the Glory



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Call to Worship

Isaiah 6:1-7

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

**“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”**

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said:

**“Woe is me! For I am lost;
for I am a man of unclean lips,
and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”**

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said:

**“Behold, this has touched your lips;
your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”**

Hymns of Praise

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Hymn #68*)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

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ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING (*Hymn #11*)

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,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,

Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,

Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,

And worship Him in humbleness, O 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!

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Scripture Reading

Romans 6:1-14

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self^l was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Response

BY GRACE ALONE (*Ward*)

Out of the depths I cry to You...Lord, hear my voice of pleading;
Bend down Your gracious ear, I pray,...Your humble servant heeding.
If You remember each misdeed, And of each thought and word take heed,
Who can remain before You? Only by grace, by grace alone.

Your pardon is a gift of love...Your grace alone must save us,
Our works will not remove our guilt; The strictest life would fail us.
Let none in deeds or merits boast, But let us own the Holy Ghost
For He alone can change us: Only by grace, by grace alone.

Though great our sins and sore our woes. His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, Our utmost need it soundeth.
Our kind and faithful Shepherd He, Who will set all His people free
From all their sin and sorrow: Only by grace, by grace alone.

Scripture Readings

ROMANS 8:1-17

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

GALATIANS 5:1-15

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

² Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³ I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

⁷ You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸ This persuasion is not from him who calls you. ⁹ A little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰ I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. ¹¹ But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. ¹² I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

Sermon

“The Freedom of a Christian”

I. FREEDOM FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN

A. The Law of Sin and Death (Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 8:2)

- A _____ have S _____
- The W _____ of S _____ is D _____

B. The Bondage of Sin and Law (1 Cor. 15:56)

- Sin must be P _____ by the Law
- Sin gets P _____ from the Law

II. FREEDOM THROUGH THE POWER OF GOD

A. The Saving Power of the Son (Rom. 8:1-4)

- ... F _____ God's L _____ for us
- ...turning S _____ into S _____

B. The Transforming Power of the Spirit (Rom. 8:5-17)

- ...to F _____ us with God's L _____
- ...turning S _____ into S _____

III. FREEDOM FOR THE SERVICE OF OTHERS

A. The Symbolism of Baptism (Romans 6:1-14)

- D _____ to Sin...R _____ with Christ
- No longer under L _____ ...Now under G _____

B. The Freedom of a Christian (Galatians 5:1-15)

“A Christian is the most free lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to every one.” (Martin Luther)

Hymn of Response

I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED (Hymn #353)

I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.

*But "I know Whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day."*

I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart.

I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in Him.

I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noontide fair,
Nor if I walk the vale with Him,
Or meet Him in the air.

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Confession of Faith

Nancy Cumming

Doxology & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Baptism of Candidate (Baptismal Vows)

Do you confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord; that He is the Son of God who died on the cross for your redemption, and rose again in victory over sin and death?

I CONFESS JESUS AS LORD AND SAVIOR.

Have you repented of your sin and accepted this work on the cross for your own life?
I HAVE.

Do you intend to live a righteous life through the power of the Holy Spirit available to you? **I SO INTEND.**

Selected Hymns

Charge to the Congregation

Are you willing to give of yourself to pray for and encourage this sister in Christ through the Spirit of God that so wonderfully works within you?

That is our desire.

Will you purpose to seek the best for this sister concerning their walk and witness for our Lord Jesus Christ?

With God's help, we will.

Prayer & Laying of Hands

Closing Hymn

A MIGHTY FORTRESS (*Hymn #656*)

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing,
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing,
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! His doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him!

That Word above all earthly powers No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever!

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Benediction