

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.
The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands form-ed the dry land. Oh, come let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 42:14-21

14 "For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant. 15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools. 16 I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. 17 But those who trust in idols, who say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame. 18 "Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see! 19 Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one committed to me, blind like the servant of the LORD? 20 You have seen many things, but have paid no attention; your ears are open, but you hear nothing." 21 It pleased the LORD for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious.

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 14 for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

RESPONSE:

P. Deliver me, O Lord, my God

C. FOR YOU ARE THE GOD OF MY SALVATION.

P. Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

C. IN YOU, O LORD, DO I PUT MY TRUST, LEAVE ME NOT, O LORD, MY GOD.

GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-7,13-17,34-39

1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing...13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. 14 Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. 15 Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided. 17 Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."...34 To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." 37 Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." 38 Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

SONGS: "Christ in You"

("...God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27)

Verse: The mystery, that once was hidden for ages and generations, The knowledge of, eternal love, that came to dwell inside of you.

Chorus: It is Christ in you, the hope of glory, Christ in you, the hope of things to come, Christ in you, the mystery revealed, living in our hearts, the hope of glory.

(Repeat verse and chorus)

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"Thank You for the Cross" (Gal 6:14)

Verse: Thank You for the cross, the mighty cross, that God Himself should die for such as us;
And ev'ryday we're changed into Your image more and more, yes, by the cross we've truly been transformed.

Chorus: And we're so amazed, and we give You praise that You would save us at such a cost;
We're so amazed, and we give You praise for the power of the cross, for the power of the cross. (Repeat verse and chorus)

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SERMON: "Where Shall I Go?"

(A sermon outline with the Scripture references is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)

THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP:

(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew)

THE TE DEUM: *(Sung, TLH p. 35)*

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting. To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein; To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry.
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee; The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise Thee; the holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee: The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable true and only Son, also the Holy Ghost, the comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a virgin. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeem-ed with Thy precious blood. Make them to be number-ed with Thy saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify Thee. And we worship Thy name ever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

HYMN: #464 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" vs. 1-4

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY:
February 24th – 10:30 Service

Sermon Series

"Where Shall I Go?"

Bible References: Psalm 32:3,5; Hebrews 10: 19-23; Leviticus 5:5,6; James 5:16a

1. When people tell us their problems, what's really happening, though we might not realize it at the time?
2. Why would God be the obvious choice to confess our sins to?
3. What gives us the confidence to approach God's throne in confession without fear?
4. When was private confession practiced in the Old Testament?
5. Besides God, who else can we confess our sins to?
6. How does private confession help us as believers in Christ?
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.

