

-The Gathering-

OPENING SENTENCE

Isaiah 57:15

THUS SAYS THE HIGH AND LOFTY ONE who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite."

ENTRANCE HYMN

Trust and Obey

SAMMIS/ TOWNER

1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word, What a glo-ry He
2. Not a shad-ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick-ly
3. Not a bur-den we bear, Not a sor-row we share, But our toil He doth
4. But we nev-er can prove The de-lights of His love Un-til all on the
5. Then in fel-low-ship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His

sheds on our way! While we do His good will He a-bides with us still,
drives it a-way; Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear,
rich-ly re-pay; Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross,
al-tar we lay, For the fa-vor He shows And the joy He be-stows
side in the way; What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go-

And with all who will trust and o-bey.
Can a-bide while we trust and o-bey.
But is blest if we trust and o-bey. Trust and o-bey- For there's
Are for them who will trust and o-bey.
Nev-er fear, on-ly trust and o-bey.

no oth-er way To be hap-py in Je-sus But to trust and o-bey.

ACCLAMATION

Leader This is the day that the Lord has made.

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAYER FOR PURITY

1. The love of God is great-er far Than tongue or pen can ev-er tell;
 2. When hoar-y time shall pass a-way, And earth-ly thrones and kingdoms fall;
 3. Could we with ink the o-cean fill, And were the skies of parchment made;

It goes be-yond the high-est star, And reach-es to the low-est hell;
 When men who here re-fuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call;
 Were ev-'ry stalk on earth a quill, And ev-'ry man a scribe by trade;

The guilt-y pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
 God's love, so sure, shall still en-dure, All meas-ure-less and strong;
 To write the love of God a-bove Would drain the o-cean dry;

His err-ing child He rec-on-ciled, And par-doned from his sin.
 Re-deem-ing grace to Ad-am's race— The saints' and an-gels' song.
 Nor could the scroll con-tain the whole, Tho' stretch'd from sky to sky.

CHORUS

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How meas-ure-less and strong!

It shall for-ev-er-more en-dure The saints' and an-gels' song.

OPENING PRAYER

—The Service of the Word—

OLD TESTAMENT

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

AND THE LORD SPOKE TO MOSES, saying, ² “Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. ¹⁵ You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷ You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

PSALM 1

Listen prayerfully

LITURGICAL FOLKⁱ

HAPPY ARE THEY who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, *
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

FOR YOU YOURSELVES KNOW, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ² But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³ For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵ For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶ Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷ But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸ So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 2. For my par-don this I see- Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 3. Noth-ing can for sin a - tone- Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 4. This is all my hope and peace- Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;

What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 For my cleans-ing, this my plea- Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 Naught of good that I have done- Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 This is all my right-eous-ness- Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

REFRAIN

Oh! pre-cious is the flow That makes me white as snow;

No oth-er fount I know, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46

BUT WHEN THE PHARISEES HEARD that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." ⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴² saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'?" ⁴⁵ If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

SERMON

Brother Joseph Payton

INVITATION HYMN *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

SPIRITUAL

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In a my heart, in a my
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In a my heart, in a my
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In a my heart, in a my
 4. I don't want to be like Ju-das In a my heart, in a my
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In a my heart, in a my

heart; Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In a my heart.
 heart; Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In a my heart.
 heart; Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In a my heart.
 heart; I don't want to be like Ju-das In a my heart.
 heart; Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In a my heart.

In a my heart, In a my heart, In a my heart,
 In a my heart, In a my heart, In a my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In a my heart.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Church; the nation; the world; the community; the suffering; the lost; the bereaved

BLESSING & DISMISSAL *Seek Ye First*

KAREN LAFFERTYⁱⁱ

SEEK YE FIRST the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!



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