

February 16th, 2020

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Please greet those around you before the announcements begin.

Prelude

God of Grace

arr. Larson

Welcome and Announcements

While the music is being played, quietly prepare your heart for worship.

Moments of Meditation

God Himself Is with Us

No. 382

“God Himself is with us: let us now adore Him, and with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple, all within keep silence, prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
Him alone, God we own. Him, our God and Savior; praise His name forever.”

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 50:1-6

***Hymn of Praise**

Holy, Holy, Holy

No. 100

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,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt 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 pow'r, 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!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1-14
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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone sin, envy, strife, and all forms of wickedness in our own lives, yet we judge harshly those who do not look, act, or sound like we do. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 50:12-15

¹² “If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. ¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? ¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, ¹⁵ and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are:

 Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be -

 Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be -

 Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we

 cam - est poor; thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,

 cam - est poor; man; stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,

 wor - ship Thee. Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,

 sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor. Thou who wast rich be -

 heav'n - ward by Thine e - ter - nal plan. Thou who art God be -

 make us what Thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love be -

 yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.

 yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man.

 yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship Thee.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 22

Q. 20 How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

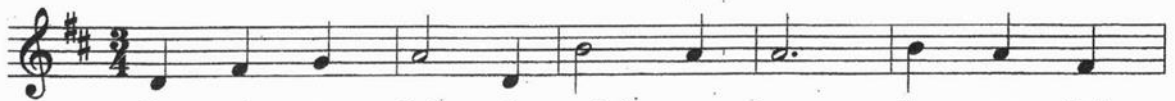
A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Prayer of Intercession

*Hymn of Preparation

Give Praise to God

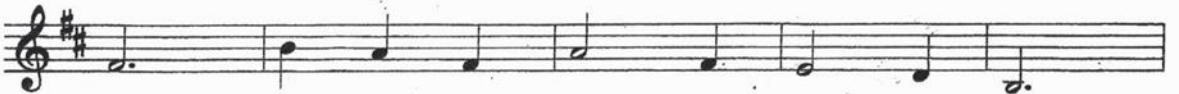
by James Boice



1. Give praise to God who reigns a - bove for per - fect
2. No one can coun - sel God all - wise or truths un -
3. Noth - ing ex - ists that God might need for all things
4. Cre - a - tion, life, sal - va - tion too, and all things



know - ledge, wis - dom, love; His judg - ments are di - vine, de -
veil to His sharp eyes; He marks our paths be - hind, be -
good from Him pro - ceed. We praise Him as our Lord, and
else both good and true, come from and through our God al -



vout, His paths be - yond all tra - cing out.
fore; He is our stead - fast Coun - se - lor.
yet we nev - er place God in our debt.
ways, and fill our hearts with grate - ful praise.



Come, lift your voice to heaven's high throne.



And glo - ry give to God a - lone!

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Sermon

Messianic Paradox

Luke 2:1-7
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Sermon Outline

1. Names

2. Place

3. Audience

Sermon Text for Next Sunday, February 23: Luke 2:39-52

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. Who is the most famous person you have ever met? What were they like? Were they everything you expected them to be? Why or why not?
2. Read Luke 1:29-38. What names does the angel Gabriel give to Mary? What do names such as these conjure up in your mind? In Luke 2:1-7, is Jesus everything you expected someone with these names to be? Why or why not?
3. Why did God become man? Specifically, how does God show his love to us in becoming man?
4. Have you ever acted in ignorance either at work, in your family dealings, or elsewhere? How did it make you feel when you found out that you'd done something ignorantly? How does it change your perspective on life knowing that Jesus takes your shame away from you?

*Hymn of Response

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

No. 498

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

REFRAIN: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. REFRAIN

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul. REFRAIN

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'er-takes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry. REFRAIN

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. REFRAIN

*Benediction

***Gloria Patri**

No. 735

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, amen.

***Postlude**

Shine, Jesus Shine

arr. Hayes

*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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**Organ and Piano
Intercessory Prayer**

Sandy DeGroot
Bruce Stoltzfus, Elder

Serving the Lord

	2/16	2/23	3/01
AM Nursery	L. Martin, Grace M.	B. Hrivnak, Emily S.	TBD
Greeters	DeGroot	Lindborg	TBD
Treats	Hrivnak	Schoon	TBD
Serve/Cleanup	Hrivnak	Schoon	TBD
Audio	B. Armstrong	J. Martin	TBD
Elder of the Week	Stoltzfus	Lindborg	Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 2/16	8:00 AM	Worship Committee Meeting
	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:30 PM	Communicants Class
	5:00 PM	Youth Bible Study
WED 2/19	9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Study
SUN 2/23	9:00 AM	Opening Exercises
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:15 PM	Schoon Care Group
	12:30 PM	Communicants Class

Important Upcoming Events

THUR 3/05	6:00 PM	First Financial Peace University Class
SAT 3/29	10:00 AM	Elyssa O'Neal's Bridal Shower

Announcements

☞ **Baby Bottles:** The Women's Center of Northwest Indiana is having its annual fundraiser. Please fill the baby bottles that are available in the narthex with change, bills, or a check, and pray for the child named inside. Please return the bottles to the box in the narthex today.

☞ **Meals for Stechly:** A Meal Train is being created for Ashley and Matt Stechly. Once Ashley returns home from the hospital after having their baby, you will receive a link via an email to sign up to take them a meal.

☞ **Bridal Shower:** The women of the church are invited to a bridal shower for Elyssa O'Neal on February 29 at 10 am. It will be held at our church building. Elyssa is registered at Bed Bath and Beyond.

☞ **Dave Ramsey Class:** Good Shepherd is hosting its fourth installment of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University starting Thursday, March 5 at 6:00 pm. This 9-week biblically-based class teaches individuals and families how to budget, payoff debt, save for retirement, and give responsibly. Please contact Jason or Valerie Lash if you have any questions. If you or anyone you know is interested in attending, the online link to register is: <https://www.financialpeace.com/groups/1109171?c=ccf>. Hope to see you there!