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THE PURIFICATION OF MARY & PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

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PRAYER

Make us Come Alive!
Serapion Scholasticus
(from *Fount of Heaven, Prayers of the Early Church*)

We praise you, unseen Father, provider of immortality.
You are the fountain of life, the fountain of light,
and the fountain of all grace and truth.
Lover of humanity, lover of the poor, you reconcile yourself to us all.
And you draw us all to yourself through the advent of your beloved Son.
We beg you: Make us come alive! Give us a spirit of light, that we may
“know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent” (John 17:3).
Give us the Holy Spirit, that we may be able to proclaim your unspeakable mysteries.
May the Lord Jesus speak in us and the Holy Spirit,
and may we sing praises to you, amen.

QUOTE

“In Genesis 47, Joseph becomes a lens through which
we see the glory and magnanimity of Christ.
Like Christ, Joseph was not only NOT ashamed to call sinners brothers,
he also presented them dignified before the throne.
Like Christ, Joseph’s wisdom and labors provided abundantly
for a people who would have otherwise perished, causing them to declare,
“You have saved our lives!”
And like Christ, Joseph brought his people into the best of the land
that they might multiply greatly under the blessing of their King.”

(Pastor Brooks)

PRELUDE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & PREPARATION

For Preparation

“You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.”
(Psalm 4:7)

The Gloria Patri –*with uplifted hands*–

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.

THE LORD CALLS US

The Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

From Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.
Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

So, saints of God let us lift our voice in thanksgiving;
Let us sing to the God of our salvation.

Hymn – “Holy, Holy, Holy” (510)

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession (from Exodus 16)

Our Lord and our God. You are the One who, by grace alone, redeemed us from the greater Pharaoh of sin, Satan, and futility. Everything we have and every breath we take is of grace.

Yet, in our sin, like the Israelites, we are tempted towards grumbling.

You give us fresh spiritual manna day by day, through your indwelling Holy Spirit and the communion of the saints. You give us the meat of your Word to feed on freely. And you have given us greater physical comforts than humanity has ever known.

We confess that our abundance often leads to entitlement.

Our affluence often leads to idolatry.

Where this has been true, forgive us O Lord.

Search our hearts now, and cleanse us from every trace of ingratitude and sin.

Franklin Agnus Dei

Dm Am/D Bb/D Am/D Bb/D C/D Am/D

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the

world, Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace.

Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009 © wilburmusic.com
Text: Traditional; based on John 1:29

Silent Prayers of Confession –*kneeling, if able*–

Assurance of Pardon – Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Sursum Corda

So, 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!

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

THE LORD CONSECRATES US

Sanctus

with vigor
fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven and earth are
full of Your glo-ry! Ho - san-na in the High - est! Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the High - est.

Profession of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hades. On the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
We 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.

**catholic refers to the universal collection of God’s people throughout all time and from all places.*

The Westminster Shorter Catechism: #11-12

Q. 11. What are God’s works of providence?

A. God’s works of providence are his most holy, wise and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

Q. 12. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?

A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

Hymn – “Come, Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted” (565)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 1:21–28

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!***

New Testament Reading: Luke 2:22–32

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!***

Psalm of the Month – “Do Not Be Silent, God, or Unresponding” (255)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

*When you hear, “Lord, in your mercy,” please respond with: **“Hear our prayer.”***

Sermon – “Family Settled, Famine Wisdom”

Genesis 47:1-28
Pastor Brooks Potteiger

The Lord’s Prayer (see #1108 for music)

Our Father, which art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

TITHES AND TRIBUTE OFFERINGS

Generous and loving God,
We bring you our tithes and offerings
With glad and grateful hearts.
Guide us as stewards of your abundance,

**For the glory of Christ and the good of our neighbor.
Amen.**

Psalm – “Let Israel Now Say in Thankfulness” (396)

Hymn – “Glory Be to God the Father” (547)

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

The Lord's Supper is a sacramental family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians, who are in good standing at a church that proclaims the gospel, to the table. By coming, you acknowledge that you have trusted in Christ alone for your justification before God, that you are currently at peace with God and neighbor, and that you are seeking to grow daily in holiness. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Brooks.

THE BREAD – “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

To display our unity, please wait to eat the bread until instructed.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Based on Psalm 23

Guitar chords do not match vocals.

Capo 1: D G A G D A Bm G

1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; Thine
6. And so through all the length of days Thy

5 D G D G 3 D A Bm G D Em
good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
ran - somed soul He lead - eth, And where the ver - dant
yet in love He sought me, And on His shoul - der
Thee, dear Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff me
unc - tion grace be - stow - eth, And oh! what trans - port
good - ness fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I

11 D A Bm D G D A D G D
I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.
of de - light From Thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
sing Thy praise With - in Thy house for - ev - er.

Music: Irish traditional melody
Text: Henry W. Baker, 1868

ST. COLUMBA
8 7. 8 7.

THE WINE

We pass the wine with “the peace of Christ.” You are welcome to drink the wine immediately and to fellowship freely during this time. If juice is desired, it will be the lighter liquid in the tray.

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

Commissioning Hymn – “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” (725)

Exhortation – Short days and Wise Hearts (from Psalm 90:12)

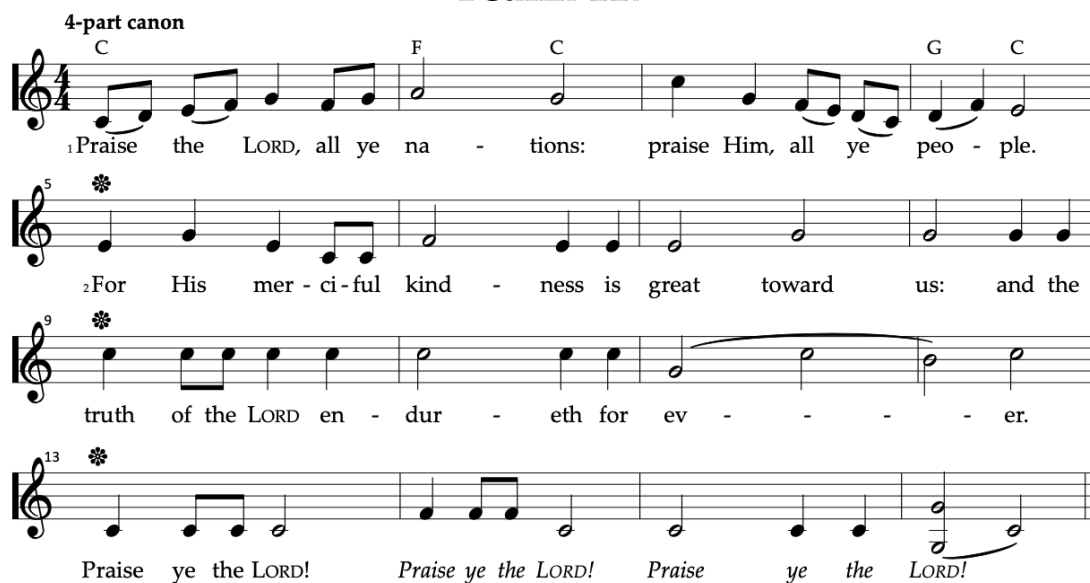
Charge and Benediction (from 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

Now may the God of peace himself
sanctify you completely,
and may your whole spirit and soul and body
be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–

Psalm 117

4-part canon



1 Praise the LORD, all ye na - tions: praise Him, all ye peo - ple.

5 * 2 For His mer - ci - ful kind - ness is great toward us: and the

9 * truth of the LORD en - dur - eth for ev - - - er.

13 * Praise ye the LORD! Praise ye the LORD! Praise ye the LORD!

Music: David R. Erb, 2005 © derb@nsa.edu

Text: Holy Bible, King James Version, 1611; alt.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism:** #11-12 (see liturgy, pg. 4)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “**The King of Love My Shepherd Is**” (see liturgy, pg. 6)
- **Proverb of the Week:** “So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” (Psalm 90:12)
- **Prayer:** “Make us come alive!” (From *Fount of Heaven*) (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- For Sondra Rowlett amidst her cancer diagnosis and upcoming procedure. May it be completely removed, with no metastasization.
- That Sondra’s affliction would be used to bring unbelieving family members to Christ.
- For complete healing for Lily Anderson.
- Prayer for the Haymes as they look towards Caleb’s kidney transplant in the next few months.. Peace, provision, and logistical grace. Also, for Madison’s sister who is the donor, and who has been facing some medical concerns as well.
- For continued flourishing and protection upon Wycliffe during his prolonged NICU journey, and the peace of Christ to guard Elijah and Holly.
- For the pregnant mothers nearing their due date, and those with higher risk.
- Continued transitional grace as Sharon and Mark Haney have welcomed her mother into their home to help care for her.
- Great wisdom for Pete in his role as SecDef and continued protection - both spiritual and physical - for the Hegseths.

Ongoing

- For a teaching elder for the new CREC plant in Columbia, King’s Cross Reformed Church
- Favor and wisdom for those who have businesses, or are dreaming of starting one.
- For Burke Shade, an elder at St. Mark (and currently on our session) whose cancer has come back. Pray that the upcoming treatments will be successful, and for peace for him and his family.
- For those who are waiting to hear back about job promotions, and the opening of other vocational doors. May the Lord bless us with productive plows and fruitful fields.
- For a permanent building.
- For repentance, reformation and revival to grow in our land.
- For salvation for extended family members who have not turned to Christ.
- For healing for all who are suffering from physical ailments.
- For the ministries we financially support:
 - Cumberland Crisis Pregnancy: Provision, protection, and wisdom
 - The Joint Eastern European Project (J.E.E.P.): See their website for current prayer requests
 - Recovery Refuge House in Ridgetop

Upcoming Events

PARISH GROUPS - launching the third week of January

- Purpose: to facilitate greater fellowship amongst geographically-connected saints
- Accomplished primarily through bi-weekly meetings for table fellowship, prayer, singing, and typically sermon-based questions or a series-guided study
- The 1st and 3rd Wednesday or Thursday evening of the month*
- Groups
 - **Goodlettsville - the Potteigers (Weds)**
 - **Ridgetop - the Lums (Weds)**
 - **Whites Creek/S. Goodlettsville - the Tawlks/Coppers (Weds)**
 - **North - hosted by the Pitts (Thurs)**
- Use QR code below to get connected in one
- *days subject to change for some groups

FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **A study through Ecclesiastes**
- Beginning February 9th
- Hot coffee, warm fellowship, rich teaching and discussion!

FEBRUARY

27th - Festal Shout!

MARCH

7/8th - The Christian Family Seminar

- At JECA, featuring Pastor Bill Smith
- Friday 6-8pm; Saturday 9-11, followed by lunch (provided)

27th - Festal Shout!

OTHER

Monthly Fellowship Meals

- First Sunday of every month
- Immediately following the service at the church
- No Sunday School on these days
- **If you would like to serve on the fellowship team, email Sharon Haney at daylily1980@comcast.net**

Men's Book Study

- *The Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis
- Fridays at 6:15am @ the Brookshire

***Women's Book Study: My Dear Hemlock*, by Tilly Dillehay**

- Hosted by Jennifer Smith on select Saturdays, from 9-11am
- Schedule:
 - Feb 8- letters 8-15
 - March 1- letters 16-23
 - March 20 - letters 24-29

Upcoming Women's Park Meetups:

- Check Signal for details and changes!

Officers:

The Session:

- Pastor Brooks Potteiger – brooks@pilgrimhill.church
- The Session of St. Mark Reformed (pro tempore) – stmarkreformed.com/contact

The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Nathan Haney
- Shelvy Huffman

Add info to digital directory:



To connect to Pilgrim Hill on
the Sing Your Part app:



For the church website &
calendar:



Meal sign-up for Recovery
Refuge:



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