

Grace Covenant Baptist Church – September 12, 2021

We are called to worship – Psalm 1

We call on God to bless our worship and pray as Christ taught – Pastor Matt

Our Father Who 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.

We sing to the Lord – Hymn 446 That Man Is Blessed (alt. tune G - Martyrdom)

We confess our Faith – *Apostles Creed* - I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. AMEN.

We hear the law of God – Romans 13:8-14

We pray a prayer of confession – Gracious heavenly Father, we kneel before the cross of our Lord and see the wickedness of our sin, our iniquity that caused Him to be made a curse, the evil that excites the severity of divine wrath. Show us the enormity of our guilt by the crown of thorns, the pierced hands and feet, the bruised body, the dying cries. His blood is the blood of incarnate God, its worth infinite, its value beyond all thought. Infinite must be the evil and guilt that demands such a price. Sin is our malady, our foe, born in our birth, alive in our lives, strong in our character, too much dominating our faculties, following us as a shadow, intermingling with our thoughts, a chain that would hold us captive. Sinners that we are, why should the sun give us light, the air supply breath, the earth bear our tread, its fruits nourish us, its creatures subserve our ends? Yet Your compassions yearn over us, Your heart hastens to our rescue, Your love endured our curse, Your mercy bore our deserved stripes. Grant that we might walk in the lowest depths of humiliation, covered in His blood, tender of conscience, rejoicing in our forgiveness won through our great Mediator, triumphing gloriously as heirs of salvation. Through our ransom and Savior, Jesus Christ, amen.

We are assured of our forgiveness in Christ – The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. (Ps 103:8–12)

We hear the good news – Ephesians 2:1-10

We sing to the Lord – Hymn 472 Jesus, Lord of Life and Glory (em – St. Austin)

We offer the Lord our prayers of thanksgiving and supplication – Pastor Matt

We sing to the Lord – Hymn 494 Jesus, Master, Whose I Am (C – Wells)

We pray for God to bless the preached word – Michael Cochran

We worship the Lord by submitting to His word preached – Pastor Matt

The Gospel Witness of Good Deeds - 1 Peter 2:11-12

We feast at the table of the Lord

Leader: Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.

Congregation: Just as many were astonished at you, My people, so His appearance was marred more than any man and His form more than the sons of men.

Leader: Thus He will sprinkle many nations, kings will shut their mouths on account of Him;

Congregation: For what had not been told them they will see, and what they had not heard they will understand.

Leader: Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Congregation: For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

Leader: He was despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Congregation: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Leader: But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Congregation: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Leader: He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.

Congregation: He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

Leader: And they made His grave with the wicked — but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.

Congregation: Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

Leader: He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.

Congregation: Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. NKJV

Prayer: Minister

The congregation may be seated as the elements are given to the people of the way.

We sing as the bread and cup are given (*Power of the Cross/Alas*)

Minister: Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

Congregation: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Eat and drink together

We lift our hearts, our hands, and our voices together in the doxology

We hear a benediction from God's word