

Worshiping Our Just God!

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10:30 AM

PRELUDER *Fiat Lux (Let There Be Light)* Theodore Dubois

Dennis Bergin, organ

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. Hebrews 1:3a

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP *Immortal, Invisible*

Kyrstan Brantley, Shelly Hannaford, vocals; Carrie Smith, piano; Greg Wagener drums

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhaesting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 9:1-2, 7-11

Reverend David Barnes, Associate Pastor

Pastor: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

People: **I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name,
O Most High.**

Pastor: The LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice,

People: **And he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples
with uprightness.**

Pastor: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

People: **And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD,
have not forsaken those who seek you.**

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!

People: **Tell among the peoples his deeds!**

*HE WILL MAKE HIS PERFECT JUSTICE KNOWN!

O Lord Most High, with All My Heart

1.O Lord Most High, with all my heart your won-drous works I
2.The Lord, the ev - er - last - ing King, is seat - ed on his
3.Je - ho - vah will a - ref - urge prove, a ref - urge strong for
4.All they, O Lord, that know your name their con - fi - dence in
5.Sing prais - es to the Lord Most High, to him who does in

will pro - claim; I will be glad and
judge - ment throne; the righ - teous Judge, of
all op - pressed, a safe re - treat, where
you will place, for you have ne'er for -
Zi - on dwell; de - clare his might - y

give you thanks and sing the prais - es of your name.
all the world will make his per - fect jus - tice known.
wea - ry souls in trou - bled times may sure - ly rest.
sak - en them who ear - nest - ly have sought your face.
deeds a - broad, his deeds a - mong the na - tions tell.

Words: Psalm 9:1,2,7-11; Music: CANONBURY L.M.

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED Deuteronomy 16:18-20

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“You shall appoint judges and officers in all your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality, and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous. Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED Ezekiel 33:14-16a

Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him.

***O BLESSED ARE THEY WHO JUSTICE KEEP!**

O Praise the LORD!

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time, key of G major. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

1. O praise the LORD! O thank the LORD! For boun - ti - ful is he;
2. Who can express Je - ho - vah's praise or tell his deeds of might?
3. Re - gard me with the fa - vor, LORD, which thou dost bear to thine.
4. That I may see thy people's good and in their joy re - joice,

be - cause his lov - ing kind-ness lasts to all e - ter - ni - ty.
O blessed are they who jus - tice keep and e - ver do the right.
O vi - sit thou my soul in love; make thy sal- va - tion mine:
And may with thine in - he - ri - tance e - xult with cheer-ful voice.

Lyrics: Psalm 106:1-5; Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle

GOD CONFERS SACRAMENTAL GRACE

Elsie Grace, daughter of Sam and Jessica Roberts

WE GIVE HIM ALL THE PRAISE! NO. 731 Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'ly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE INVOKE HIS HELP Psalm 37:39-40a

Nathan Reddick, Elder

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble. The LORD helps them and delivers them.

GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP Psalm 37:25-26

I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread. He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing.

WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD! *Jesus Loves Me*

Sanctuary Choir

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Chorus: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus, loves me, he who died heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. [Chorus]

Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way.
He calls children to his side, saying, "Come with me abide." [Chorus]

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GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

SERMON SERIES "Acts"

SCRIPTURE TEXT Acts 25:1-12 | page 934 in the pew Bible

SERMON TITLE *Seeking Justice*

***MAY THY JUSTICE STILL PROTECT!**

Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord



1. Thy mer - cy and thy truth, O Lord, tran - scend the loft - y sky;
2. Lord, thou pre - serv - est man and beast; since thou are ev - er kind,
3. With the a - bun - dance of thy house we shall be sat - is - fied,
4. The foun - tain of e - ter - nal life is found a - lone with thee,
5. From those that know thee may thy love and mer - cy ne'er de - part,



Thy judg - ments are a might - y deep, and as the moun - tains high.
Be -neath the shad - ow of thy wings we may a ref - uge find.
From riv - ers of un - fail - ing joy our thirst shall be sup - plied.
And in the bright-ness of thy light we clear - ly light shall see.
And may thy jus - tice still pro - tect and bless the up - right heart.

Psalm 26:5-10
The Psalter, 1912

ST. ANNE C.M.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Reprise: Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord*

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Why did Paul appeal to Caesar?

1. The Jews wanted to bury Paul

2. The Governor wanted to barter Paul

*Congregation please rise

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