

Worshiping God, Who Blesses His Church with Rest!

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10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Chorale from Cantata 79 "Nun danket alle Gott"* J. S. Bach, arr. E. Power Biggs
Marche Triomphale "Nun danket alle Gott" Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Dennis Bergin, organ

Psalm 100:1, 4 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

Laura Quinn, cello; Charis Baker, flute; Holly Henske, clarinet; Tom Orear, euphonium;
Carrie Smith, piano; Bill Myers, guitar; Matt Brantley, bass; Greg Wagener, drums

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright.
On you the high, and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
Sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the Great God triune.

You are a port protected from storms that round us rise,
A garden intersected with streams of paradise.
You are a cooling fountain in life's dry, dreary sand;
From you, like Pisgah's mountain we view our promised land.

New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.
To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son,
The church her voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.

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***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 116:1-9

Reverend Bill Myers, Pastor Emeritus

Pastor: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Pastor: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

People: Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

People: Our God is merciful.

Pastor: The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

People: Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

Pastor: For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

All: I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

***WE FOLLOW THE BLESSED SOULS AT REST!**

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You Holy Angels Bright

Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Ps. 148:2

1. You ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
2. You bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race, and
3. All na - tions of the earth, ex - tol the world's great King; with
4. Sing forth Je - ho - vah's praise, you saints, that on him call! Him

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sav - ior's face; God's prais - es
mel - o - dy and mirth his glo - rious prais - es sing; for he still
mag - ni - fy al - ways, his ho - ly church - es all! In him re -

song, for else the theme too high does seem for mor - tal tongue.
sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light you do a - bound.
reigns, and will bring low the proud - est foe that him dis - dains.
joice, and there pro - claim his ho - ly name with sound - ing voice.

5. My soul, bear now your part,
triumph in God above;
with a well-tun-ed heart
sing now the songs of love;
you are his own, whose precious blood
shed for your good his love made known.

6. Away, distrustful care!
I have your promise, Lord;
to banish all despair,
I have your oath and word;
and therefore I shall see your face
and there your grace shall magnify.

7. With your triumphant flock
then I shall numbered be;
built on th'eternal Rock,
his glory we shall see.
The heav'ns so high with praise shall ring
and all shall sing in harmony.

Based on Psalm 148
Richard Baxter, 1672; alt.; alt. 1990, mod.

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.
John Darwall, 1770

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED 1 John 2:1-5

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

***WE ARE BOUND FOR THE PROMISED LAND**

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

1. On Jor - dan's stor - my banks I stand, And
 o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, Shines
 3. No chill - ing winds nor that pois - 'nous breath, Can
 4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, And

cast a wish - ful eye To
 one e - ter - nal day There
 reach that health - ful shore, blessed? Where
 be for - ev - er

Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, Where
 God, the Son for - ev - er reigns, And
 Sick - ness, sor - row, pain - and death, Are
 shall I see my Fa - ther's face, And

my pos - ses - sions lie - 2. All I am
 scat - ters night a way. I am
 felt and feared no more. rest?
 in his bos - om

bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom - ised Land I am

bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom - ised Land

3. No
 4. When

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***GOD REVEALS HIS KINGDOM CANNOT BE SHAKEN!** Hebrews 12:18-29

Pastor: For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”

People: **But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.**

Pastor: See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.

People: **Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.**

The Church's One Foundation

Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. Eph. 2:20

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace f6revermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

6. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

WE INVOKE HIS HELP Psalm 62:5-7

Todd Akin, Elder

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD! *Christ Our Rock, Our Cornerstone!*

Kyrstan Brantley, soprano; Patti Palmer, alto; Bob Nagy, tenor; Brian Roby, bass;
Greg Wagener, drums

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ our head and cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come, with all Your loving kindness, hear Your people as they pray;
And Your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

Chorus: Praise to Christ, the Son of God, our rock, our cornerstone:
Gift to all the world, and yet rejected by His own,
But God's amazing love revealed a power never known before!
Jesus lives! O praise His name, our rock, our cornerstone!

Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One:
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run! (*Chorus*)

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace like we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.
Jesus live! O praise His name, our rock, our cornerstone!

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GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD Reverend Dr. Russell St. John
SERMON SERIES “A Pillar and Buttress of Truth”
SCRIPTURE TEXT Revelation 21:1-4
SERMON TITLE *The Church at Rest*

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

For All the Saints

They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them. Rev. 14:13

Unison

1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3. O may thy sol - diers faith - ful, true, and bold,
 4. The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;
 5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day;
 6. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast,

who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old,
 soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest;
 the saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;
 through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 and win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 the King of the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Musical score for the hymn "Al - le - lu - ia!". The score is written for voice and piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!". The score consists of two staves. The first staff is the vocal line, and the second staff is the piano accompaniment. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

William Walsham How, 1864, 1875

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Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Reprise: For All the Saints!*

The Church at Rest

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Revelation 21:1-4

What blessings will the Church at Rest enjoy?

1. The Church will enjoy a Creation Renewed.

2. The Church will enjoy a Covenant Realized.

3. The Church will enjoy a Curse Removed.

*Congregation please rise

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