

CCTP Order of Service

11 February 2024

Preparation for Lent 3 (The Last Judgement)

[Dinner begins with “As We Gather” and open-prayer.]

1. Entrance

[Singing] Psalm 134

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands to the holy place

and bless the Lord!

The Lord bless you,

He who made heaven and earth!

Songs.

2. Purification

Lent begins this Wednesday.

Exhortation to Repentance

When You come, O most righteous Judge,
to execute the just judgment,
seated on Your throne of glory,
the frightening river of fire will draw all mankind
before Your judgment seat;
the heavenly powers will stand beside You,
and in fear humanity will be judged according to the deeds that each has done.
With faith we entreat You, O Christ,
since You are compassionate,
spare us then, and grant us a place among those who are saved.
O God, be merciful to me, a sinner! (3x)

[Silence for examination.]

Prayers of Repentance of the Last Judgement¹ + Psalm 51

Open to me the gates of repentance, O Giver of Life;
for I seek Your holy temple,
bearing the defiled temple of my body.
Cleanse it, You who are compassionate,
by Your merciful love.
As I ponder the multitude of evil I have done,
I tremble for the day of judgment.
But like David, I trust Your compassionate mercy,
and cry to You:

Have mercy on me, O God,

¹ From the Lenten Triodion, the Sunday of the Last Judgment.

**according to Your merciful love;
according to Your great compassion,
blot out my transgressions.**

When the thrones are set up and the books opened,
and God sits in judgment,
O what fear there shall be then,
with the angels standing in Your presence trembling
and the river of fire flowing before You,
what shall we do then, who are guilty of a multitude of sins?
When we hear Him calling the blessed ones of His Father into the Kingdom,
but sending sinners to torment.
Who shall endure His fearful condemnation?
But, O Savior Who alone loves mankind,
King of the ages, before the end comes
turn me back through repentance and have mercy on me.

**Wash me completely from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

Alas, O darkened soul!
How long wilt you turn not away from wickedness?
How long wilt you recline in idleness?
Why do you not think of the fearful hour of death?
Why do you not tremble at the dread judgment seat of the Savior?
What answer will you give then, or what will you say?
Your works will stand in accusation of you;
your actions will reproach you and condemn you.
O my soul, the time draws near;
make haste before it is too late, and cry aloud in faith:

“I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned against You;
but I know O Lover of mankind, Your compassion,
deprive me not O good Shepherd, of a place at Your right hand
for the sake of Your great and abundant mercy.”

Create a pure heart for me, O God;

renew a steadfast spirit within me.

As I ponder the fearful day of Your judgment,
and Your ineffable glory,
I am altogether filled with dread, O Lord,
and trembling with fear I cry to You:
“When You come in glory to earth,
to judge all things O Christ our God,
deliver me from every torment
and deem me worthy, O Master,
to stand at Thy right hand.”

Do not cast me away from Your presence;

take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Behold! the day of the Lord almighty comes,
and who shall endure the fear of His coming?
For it is the day of wrath;
the furnace shall burn, and the Judge shall sit and render to each
the due reward for his works.

Restore in me the joy of Your salvation;

sustain in me a willing spirit.

1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance:
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,
of whom I am chief.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth,
Who are in all places and fill all things,
Treasury of Good and Giver of Life:
Come and abide in us.
Cleanse us from every stain
and save our souls, O Good One.

3. Illumination²

[Standing] The Blessing

Let us stand, for it is time for the Lord to act.
Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

[A woman places Communion on the table and lights the candles.]

[Singing] Epiphany Hymn + Hymn of the Last Judgment

The Lord is my light and my Savior,
whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

When You, O God, come to earth with glory,

² Or “Ascension,” for his is where we ascend and enter into the heavenly realm. The candle symbolizes this entrance and our offering of thanksgiving is our gift.

the whole world will tremble.

**The Lord is my light and my Savior,
whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?**

A river of fire shall flow before Your judgment seat
and the books will be opened and the hidden things disclosed!

**The Lord is my light and my Savior,
whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?**

Deliver me then from the unquenchable fire,
and enable me to stand at Your right hand, O righteous Judge!

**The Lord is my light and my Savior,
whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?**

[Singing]

O Gladsome Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing Your praises, O God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times
to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Psalm 135 (vv. 1, 2, 13) & 136 (vv. 1, 6, 24, 26) & 137

Praise the name of the Lord;
praise Him, servants of the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God.
Lord, Your name stands forever,
Your renown, Lord, from age to age.
O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
for His mercy endures forever.
Who spread the earth on the waters,
for His mercy endures forever.
He snatched us away from our foes,
for His mercy endures forever.
To the God of heaven give thanks,
for His mercy endures forever.
By the rivers of Babylon,
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps.
For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
"Sing to us," they said,
"one of Zion's songs."
O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on foreign soil?

If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!
O let my tongue cleave fast to my palate
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem, the first of my joys!
Remember, O Lord,
against the children of Edom
the day of Jerusalem,
when they said, "Tear it down!
Tear it down to its foundations!"
O daughter Babylon, destroyer,
blessed who repays you the payment paid to us!
Blessed who grasps and shatters your children on the rock!
Amen.

Matthew 25:31–46

[Singing]

The Lord is my light and my Savior,
whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

Hymn of the Last Judgment

When You, O God, come to earth with glory,
the whole world will tremble.

A river of fire shall flow before Your judgment seat
and the books will be opened and the hidden things disclosed!
Deliver me then from the unquenchable fire,

and enable me to stand at Your right hand, O righteous Judge!

[Standing] The Creed: Colossians 1:15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.

For by Him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities —
all things were created through Him and for Him.
He is before all things,
and in Him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the church.
He is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything He might be preeminent.
For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of His cross. Amen.

Greeting: The light of Christ is upon us! Let us greet one another.

Sermon.

4. Communion

[Singing]

You hear us calling, You hear us calling, Abba Father. (2x)
Lord have mercy! Christ have mercy! (2x)

Prayers.

[Standing + Singing] The Offering: Psalm 141

I have called to You, O Lord.
Hear me Lord!

O make haste to help me, Lord.

Hear me Lord!

Hear my voice; I cry to You.

Hear me Lord!

**Let my prayer be as incense before You,
the raising of my hands like the evening offering.**

The Lord's Prayer

Thank You, Most High God, that you hear us; and that through Christ we
may call You our Father, and pray as one:

Our Father...

Thanksgiving for the Cup [Raising the Cup]

We give You thanks, our Father,
for the Holy Vine of Your servant David
which You revealed to us through Your servant Jesus —

the True Vine, in whom we bear fruit.

To You be glory forever!

Thanksgiving for the Bread [Raising the Bread]

We give You thanks, our Father,
for the life and knowledge
which You revealed to us through Your servant Jesus —
the Bread of Life, given for the life of the world.

To You be glory forever!

[The Bread is broken.]

Just as this broken bread was scattered over the hills as grain
and has been gathered together and made one;
so may Your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom.

Gather us into Your kingdom. Amen.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Jesus said, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.”

[Congregation receives and partakes in Holy Communion during the song.³]

Thanksgiving for Communion

We give You thanks, our Father,
for You have fed us with the life of Christ.

³ A blessing may be said over each recipient as the bread is received.

May we be healed, body and soul;
made us partakers of Your divine nature;
and rescued from the corruption of sin.
O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
for His mercy endures forever!
O give thanks to the God of gods, for He is good;
for His mercy endures forever!
O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for He is good;
for His mercy endures forever!

5. Benediction

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

The Mystery of Faith

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Maranatha!

Announcements:

- Ash Wednesday, 7pm.
- Next Sunday: First of Lent
- New Series: The Six Psalms (3, 38, 63, 88, 103, 143)
- Progressive House Blessing?
- (Last-Sunday Potlucks)
- Prayer: Sunday, 4pm
- Home fellowships
- Agape Box

[Standing and Singing] The Benediction⁴

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.

**May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.**

**May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.**

May He bring you home rejoicing

⁴ “God’s presence is never neutral; the result of engaging him must ever be either blessing or judgment. Meeting with God through the way he has opened leads to benediction, while approaching YHWH through a manner he himself has not ordained results in judgment. One reason why this is so is because the unclean cannot come into contact with the holy without being destroyed.” (L. Michael Morales, *Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord?: A Biblical Theology of the Book of Leviticus*, 140.)

once again into our doors.