

Lord's Day
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6:00 p.m. Service



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Explanation of the Cover Symbol

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek “Jesus,” XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, “Christ;” NIKA means “He conquers.” The symbol then reads “Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross” or “Jesus Christ Victor.”

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Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure electronic devices are off or using silent mode.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Congregational Prayer**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn**

“For All the Saints”

For All the Saints

William Walsham How, 1864, 1875

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.al.
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

$\text{♩} = 120$

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. O blest com - mu - - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine! _____
5. And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, _____
6. The gol - den eve - - ning brightens in the west; _____
7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day;
8. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's farth - est 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,
— We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
— steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,
the soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth 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.
yet all are _____ one in Thee, for all _____ are _____ Thine.
and hearts are _____ brave a - gain, and arms _____ are _____ strong.
— Sweet is the calm of Pa - ra - dise _____ the _____ blest.
the King of _____ glo - - ry pass - es on _____ his _____ way.
Sing - ing to _____ Fa - - ther, Son, and Ho - ly _____ Ghost.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

***Psalm:** Psalm 22

Minister: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

***Congregation:* Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?**

² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

³ Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵ To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

⁸ “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.

¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

¹¹ Be not far from me,
**for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.**

¹² Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

¹³ they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;

my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—

¹⁷ **I can count all my bones—**
they stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸ they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!

²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

²² I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!
**All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

²⁴ For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
**and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.**

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
**those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
**and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.**

²⁸ For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
**before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

³⁰ Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

³¹ **they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

*Hymn

“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended”

No. 248

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to
 2. Who was the guilt - y who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered: the slave hath
 4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered: for man's a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion: thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pit - y

by thine own re - lect - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while he no - thing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Catechism: Lord's Day 22 from the Heidelberg Catechism
(Questions #57 & 58; Part II: Deliverance: God the Holy Spirit)

Minister: How does “the resurrection of the body” comfort you?

Congregation: Not only my soul
will be taken immediately after this life
to Christ its head,
but even my very flesh, raised by the power of Christ,
will be reunited with my soul
and made like Christ's glorious body.

Minister: How does the article concerning “life everlasting” comfort you?

Congregation: Even as I already now
experience in my heart
the beginning of eternal joy,
so after this life I will have
perfect blessedness such as
no eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
no human heart has ever imagined:
a blessedness in which to praise God eternally.

Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Micah 3:1-4:5 (ESV)

3 And I said:

Hear, you heads of Jacob
and rulers of the house of Israel!

Is it not for you to know justice?—

² you who hate the good and love the evil,
who tear the skin from off my people
and their flesh from off their bones,

³ who eat the flesh of my people,
and flay their skin from off them,
and break their bones in pieces
and chop them up like meat in a pot,
like flesh in a cauldron.

⁴ Then they will cry to the LORD,
but he will not answer them;
he will hide his face from them at that time,
because they have made their deeds evil.

⁵ Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets
who lead my people astray,

who cry "Peace"

when they have something to eat,
but declare war against him

who puts nothing into their mouths.

⁶Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision,
and darkness to you, without divination.

The sun shall go down on the prophets,
and the day shall be black over them;

⁷the seers shall be disgraced,
and the diviners put to shame;

they shall all cover their lips,
for there is no answer from God.

⁸But as for me, I am filled with power,
with the Spirit of the LORD,
and with justice and might,
to declare to Jacob his transgression
and to Israel his sin.

⁹Hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob
and rulers of the house of Israel,
who detest justice

and make crooked all that is straight,

¹⁰who build Zion with blood
and Jerusalem with iniquity.

¹¹Its heads give judgment for a bribe;
its priests teach for a price;
its prophets practice divination for money;

yet they lean on the LORD and say,
"Is not the LORD in the midst of us?
No disaster shall come upon us."

¹²Therefore because of you
Zion shall be plowed as a field;
Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins,
and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

⁴It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and it shall be lifted up above the hills;

and peoples shall flow to it,
² and many nations shall come, and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

³He shall judge between many peoples,

and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away;

and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,

and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore;

⁴but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree,

and no one shall make them afraid,

for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

⁵For all the peoples walk

each in the name of its god,

but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God

forever and ever.

Sermon

“Biblical Justice, Part 5: When?”

* Hymn

“The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow” (Tune: McKee)

The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flow’r,
shall bud and blossom then,
and justice, from her heav’nly bow’r,
look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, and judge the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for you are he who shall by right
the nations all possess.

For great you are, and wonders great
by your strong hand are done:
you in your everlasting seat
remain the Lord alone.

***Benediction**

+Silent Prayer

Postlude

***Congregation standing**

+The congregation is invited to kneel

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