

# **“A Reconciling God”**

March 17, 2024

## **As We Gather**

Today we welcome a special guest who will be speaking to us about the amazing work that God is doing through His saints, our ministry partners in India. We will hear about his work in the lives of those who have been hurt by persecution, as well as the tremendous gift of God’s reconciling grace. All glory be to Jesus!

## **Welcome**

**+ Gathering +**

## **“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”**

**LSB 435**

1 Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for You, for me, for all,  
In a full perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.

2 Come poverty and mean-ness,  
Come, defiled without, within;  
Here infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash Your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.

3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore,  
They that drink shall thirst no more.

4 They that drink shall live forever;  
‘Tis a soul renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

## **Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **Confession and Absolution**

## **Musical Offering – Preschool Class**

## **Prayer**

## **Children’s Church**

+ Service of the Word +

**First Reading: Romans 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 13 (Read responsively)**

Reader: How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

**People: How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?**

Reader: Look on me and answer, LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

**People: and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.**

Reader: But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

**People: I will sing the LORD's praise, for he has been good to me.**

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

## The 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. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Message

## Offering

### "Jesus Shall Reign" LSB 832

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And endless praises crown His head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;

And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.

4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns;  
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
Honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen.

## Prayers

*Please add Your prayer requests to the chat.*

## Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

### St. John's People and Families

Leonard, Deborah, & Robert Bommersbach  
Dan, Angela, Clayton, & Nico D'Angelo  
Tom & Elaine Hoff  
Tony, Leslie, Colin, & Erin Nicholson  
Mark & Cindy Zeller  
Rachel and William Caldwell  
Dan, Alicia, & Abigail Hardy  
David, Alexis, Blair, & Brent Jessup  
Jeffery, Valerie, Rylan, & Declan Owens  
Andrew, Km, & Bryson Tarap

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Benediction**

#### **"Christ the Eternal Lord"    LSB 829**

1 Christ the eternal Lord,  
Whose promise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured  
On all who name Your name;  
With thankfulness and praise  
We stand before Your throne,  
Intent to serve You all our days  
And make Your glory known.

2 Christ the unchanging Word  
To ev'ry passing age,  
Whose timeless teachings still are heard  
Set forth on Scripture's page;  
Transform our thought and mind,  
Enlighten all who read,  
Within Your word by faith to find  
The bread of life indeed.

3 Christ the redeeming Son,  
Who shares our human birth,  
And by His death salvation won  
For ev'ry child of earth;

Inspire our hearts, we pray,  
To tell Your love abroad,  
That all may honor Christ today  
And follow Him as Lord.

4 Christ the unfading Light  
Of everlasting day,  
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,  
The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
That light of truth You give  
To servants as to friends,  
Your way to walk, Your life to live,  
Till earth's brief journey ends.

5 Christ the ascended King  
Exalted high above,  
Whose praise unending ages sing,  
Whom yet unseen we love;  
When mortal life is past  
Your voice from heaven's throne  
Shall call Your children home at last  
To know as we are known.

### **Offering**

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You may also mail your offering to St. John's (3521 Linda Vista, Napa, CA 94558)

### Memory Verse for This Week

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

*1 Corinthians 12:13*

### Serving in Worship Today

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| Preacher                  | Rev. Michael A. Schmid   |
| Lay Reader                | Soren De Young   |
| Organist                  | Erin Blackwood   |
| Sound Technician          | Brian Schoenfeld   |
| Streaming Technician      | Martin Meissenhalter   |
| Projector Tech            | Bob Klein  |
| Worship Preparation Team  | Gerry & Midge Schneider, Ron Irwin,<br>Jan Newton, Sophie Frey |
| Children's Church Leaders | Kevin Mathison   |
| Usher                     | Sal Pagano   |