

PRELUDE Lord, I Want To Be A Christian – Sandra Eithum

WELCOME

MEDITATION O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee – Terry Osman

INTROIT 191 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

Praise the Lord!

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mystery and might, whose wonderful works are to be remembered, move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet, that we may follow you more faithfully. Yes, Lord, we seek to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

HYMN 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun, verse 1,3,4

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus Christ overcame evil with good
so that all people might be saved from sin.

Let us then confess our need for grace,
confident of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

SPECIAL MUSIC 307 God of Grace and God of Glory 1,3,4

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION and TRADITIONAL 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PSALM # Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45b

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

**⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham,^[a]
children of Jacob, his chosen ones. (refrain)**

⁷ He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

**⁸ He is mindful of his covenant forever,
of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,**

⁹ the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,

**¹⁰ which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**

For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.

**⁴³ So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing. (refrain)**

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 12:9–21

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:21–28

SERMON Practice. Practice. Practice.

Affirmation of Faith

**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, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

HYMN 308 O God in Whom All Life Begins VS 3

CHARGE

Hold fast to what is good; repay no one evil for evil.
Rejoice in hope; be patient in suffering; persevere in prayer.

BLESSING

May Almighty God,
who creates all good,
redeems from all evil,
and hears all prayer,
be with you and all people in suffering and in hope.

POSTLUDE

No, Not One – Jeff Bennett