

THE DIVINE SERVICE

June 2, 2019

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

In Preparation



Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.

PRELUDE

Michael Phillips, organ

Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn, BWV 630 – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

To-day God's Son triumphs,
Who arose beautiful from death, Hallelujah,
With great splendor and glory,
We thank him forever. Hallelujah.

Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65 no. 59 – Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Revelation 22:1-9

The angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, we pray, leave us not without consolation, but send us the Spirit of truth, whom you promised from the Father; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Entrance



CHORAL INTROIT

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee – Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.
For on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore thee.

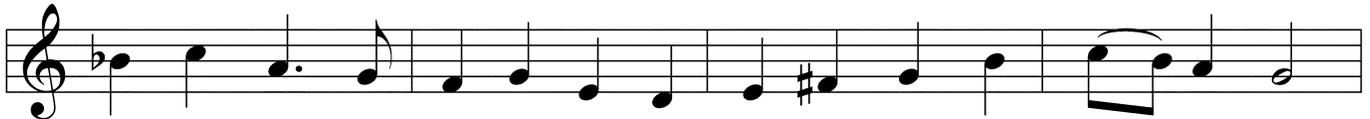
❖ HYMN OF INVOCATION

Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1973

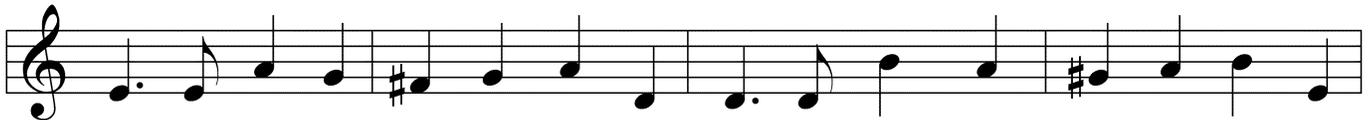
Christian Strover, 1973



1. God of gods, we sound his prais - es, high - est heav'n its hom - age brings;
2. Chris-tians in their hearts en-throne him, tell his prais - es wide a - broad;
3. Hail the Christ, the King of glo - ry, he whose praise the an - gels cry,
4. Lord, we look for your re - turn - ing, teach us so to walk your ways,



earth and all cre - a - tion rais - es glo - ry to the King of kings.
proph-ets, priests, a - pos - tles own him, mar - tyr's crown and saints' re - ward.
born to share our hu - man sto - ry, love and la - bor, grieve and die.
hearts and minds your will dis - cern - ing, lives a - light with joy and praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, name him, Lord of all his hosts pro-claim him,
Three in one his glo - ry shar - ing, earth and heav'n his praise de - clar - ing,
By his cross his work com - plet - ed, sin - ners ran - somed, death de - feat - ed,
In your love and care en - fold us, by your con - stan - cy up - hold us,



to the ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther ev - 'ry tongue in tri - umph sings.
praise the high ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, praise the ev - er - last - ing Lord.
in the glo - ry of the Fa - ther, Christ as - cend - ed reigns on high.
may your mer - cy, Lord and Fa - ther, keep us now and all our days.

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Minister: God is gone up with a shout,
People: The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Minister: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
People: Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. Amen.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Nikolaus Decius, 1531

German chorale, 1540

Pure and sin-less Lamb of God, who on the cross did suf-fer. Pa-tient, still, and low-ly, thy-self to scorn did of-fer. Our sins by thee were ta-ken, or hope had us for-sak-en: have mer-cy on us, O Je-sus!

Minister: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words.”

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: “Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification.” All you who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

❖ Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: **and our mouth will declare your praise.**

❖ THE GLORIA

Gloria in Excelsis

Nikolaus Decius, 1525

Deutsche Evangelisch Messze, 1539

All glo-ry be to thee, Most High, to thee all ad-o-ra-tion; in grace and truth thou draw-est nigh to of-fer us sal-va-tion; thou show-est thy good-will to men, and peace shall reign on earth a-gain; we praise thy name for-ev-er.

❖ HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Charles Wesley, 1739

Robert Williams, c. 1781-1821



1. Hail the day that sees him rise Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. There for him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. See, he lifts his hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Lord, be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!



to his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!
 See, he shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!
 raise our hearts to reach thy height; Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
 he hath con - quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow Al - le - lu - ia!
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!



en - ters now the high - est heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 bless - ings on his church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
 find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Service of the Word



THE CHORAL PSALTER

Psalm 47

God Is Gone Up – Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:
The Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies:
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praises out,
Unto our King sing praise seraphicwise!
Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing,
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
In flakes of glory down him to attend,
And hear heart-cramping notes of melody
Surround his chariot as it did ascend;
Mixing their music, making every string
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

(from *Sacramental Meditations*, Edward Taylor)

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 1:12-26

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

❖ OUR RESPONSE

J. G. Whittier, 1807-1892

C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918



1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian
 3. O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a -
 4. With that deep hush sub - du - ing all our words and works that



ways! Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind; in
 sea the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
 drown the ten - der whis - per of thy call, as



pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - 'rence
 us, like them, with - out a word, rise up and fol - low
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in - ter - pret - ed by
 noise - less let thy bless - ing fall as fell thy man - na



praise. In deep - er rev - 'rence praise.
 thee. Rise up and fol - low thee.
 love! In - ter - pret - ed by love!
 down. As fell thy man - na down.

5. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
 Till all our strivings cease;
 Take from our souls the strain and stress,
 And let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of thy peace,
 The beauty of thy peace.

6. Breathe through the heats of our desire
 Thy coolness and thy balm;
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
 Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
 O still, small voice of calm;
 O still, small voice of calm!

WELCOME

At this time, please sign and pass the attendance pads down the row.

INTERLUDE

The Service of Installation



Rev. Dr. Marcus Serven, Assistant Pastor

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Eric Landry

QUESTIONS AND VOWS OF INSTALLATION

- Leader: Are you now willing to serve this congregation as their assistant pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
- Candidate: I am.
- Leader: Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
- Candidate: I do.
- Leader: Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?
- Candidate: I do.

QUESTIONS TO THE SESSION OF REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- Leader: Do you, the Session of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Marcus Serven?
- Session: We do.
- Leader: Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?
- Session: We do.
- Leader: Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
- Session: We do.
- Leader: Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?
- Session: We do.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Bryce Waller

Unison: 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.

DECLARATION OF THE MODERATOR

I now pronounce and declare that Marcus Serven has been installed assistant pastor of this congregation, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such he is entitled to all support, encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

We give you the right hand of fellowship, to take part in this ministry with us.

❖ **THE EPISTLE LESSON**

1 Corinthians 3:5—4:5

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

❖ **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

CHARGE TO THE PASTOR, SESSION, AND CONGREGATION

Rev. Eric Landry

The Shape of Christian Ministry

1 Corinthians 3:5—4:5

The Service of the Table



❖ **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

❖ Minister: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Minister: Filled with the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: **the world, and they that dwell therein.**

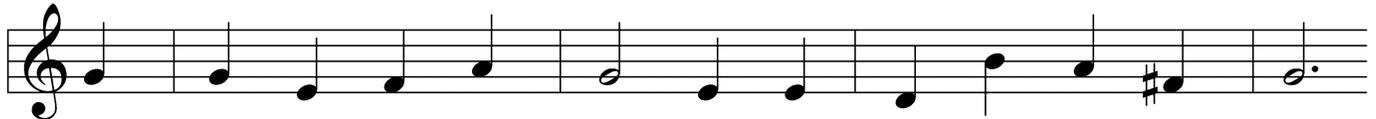
HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

Henry Smart, 1836



1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;



hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where - e'er thy face ap - pears;



through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
thy cross is lift - ed o'er - us; we jour - ney in its light:



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

- ❖ Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

DOXOLOGY

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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- ❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Minister: Almighty, eternal, merciful God, you have abundantly provided for all our needs. In return we joyfully give to you these tithes and offerings, along with our very lives, for service in the kingdom of your risen and returning Son, in whose name we pray.

People: **Amen.**

- ❖ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: **It is good and right to do so!**

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his resurrection appeared openly to all his disciples and in their sight was taken up to heaven that he might make us partakers of his divine nature. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

William Mathias, b. 1934

organ: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. organ: Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD – The Bread

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-24)

John of Damascus, 8th cent.

Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784



1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,



our Christ hath brought us o - ver, with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD – The Cup

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” (1 Cor. 11:25)

Edmund P. Clowney, 1987

Charles V. Stanford, 1904



1. Who shall as - cend the moun-tain of the Lord, to search the
 2. *One King a - lone, whose hands and heart are pure, one Ser - vant*
 3. He on - ly can as - cend to God's right hand who first came
 4. *Be - fore the clouds re - ceive the King on high, a cross lifts*
 5. He shall as - cend the moun-tain of the Lord, the King of



mys - ter - y in heav - en stored, the know - ledge of the Ho - ly
of the Lord with pur - pose sure, can en - ter in that glo - ry
 down as his high mer - cy planned; true God and man has earth and
up his form a - gainst the sky; the Fram - er of the worlds has
 glo - ry, whose own blood out - poured paid that dear price that mer - cy



One	a - dored?	Al	-	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!
to	<i>en - dure.</i>	Al	-	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!
heav - en	spanned.	Al	-	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!
<i>come</i>	<i>to die.</i>	Al	-	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!
did	af - ford.	Al	-	-	le	-	lu	-	ia!

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❖ BENEDICTION

❖ DEPARTING HYMN

Josua Wegelin, 1604-1640

Etlich Christlich lider, Wittenberg, 1524



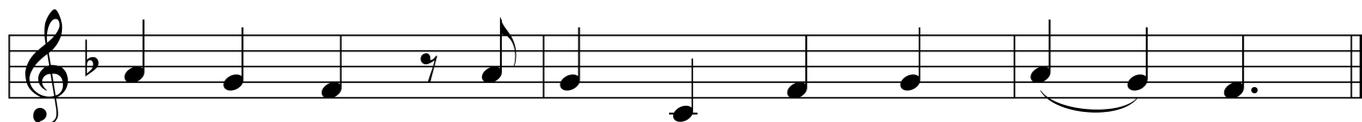
1. On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build the hope of my as - cen - sion;
2. Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, great gifts for me ob - tain - ing,
3. Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, re - call - ing your as - cen - sion,



this hope a - lone has al - ways stilled all doubt and ap - pre - hen - sion;
my heart will rest in him a - lone, no oth - er rest re - main - ing;
that I may serve you faith - ful - ly, a - dorn - ing your re - demp - tion;



for where the head is, there as well I know his mem - bers
for where my trea - sure went be - fore, there all my thoughts will
and then, when all my days will cease, let me de - part in



are to dwell when Christ will come and call them.
ev - er soar to still their deep - est yearn - ing.
joy and peace in an - swer to my plead - ing.

An elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary immediately after the service concludes to pray with you and help answer questions you may have about the Christian faith or Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

LESSONS

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.
For the Lord Most High is to be feared;
he is the great King over all the earth.
He subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet.
He chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne.
The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and he is highly exalted.

Acts 1:12-26

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

John 17:20-26

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Sermon Lesson – 1 Corinthians 3:5—4:5

^{3:5}What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," ²⁰and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." ²¹So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, ²³and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

^{4:1}This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.