

# THE LORD'S DAY

March 30, 2014

## WORSHIP SERVICE

*Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness.*

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice:

*“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
To receive power and riches and wisdom,  
And strength and honor and glory and  
blessing!”*

<sup>13</sup> And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:

*“Blessing and honor and glory and power  
Be to Him who sits on the throne,  
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”*

Revelation 5:11–13

### PRELUDE

*O God, Thou Art the Father*  
DURROW

### †CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev 5:11–13

### ADORATION

†O Worship the King

Hymn **65**  
LYONS

†CONGREGATIONAL READING

Rev 21:22–22:5

*The congregation will read text in italics.*

But I saw no temple in [the new Jerusalem], for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

<sup>24</sup> And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). <sup>26</sup> And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

<sup>27</sup> But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

*And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.*

<sup>2</sup> In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

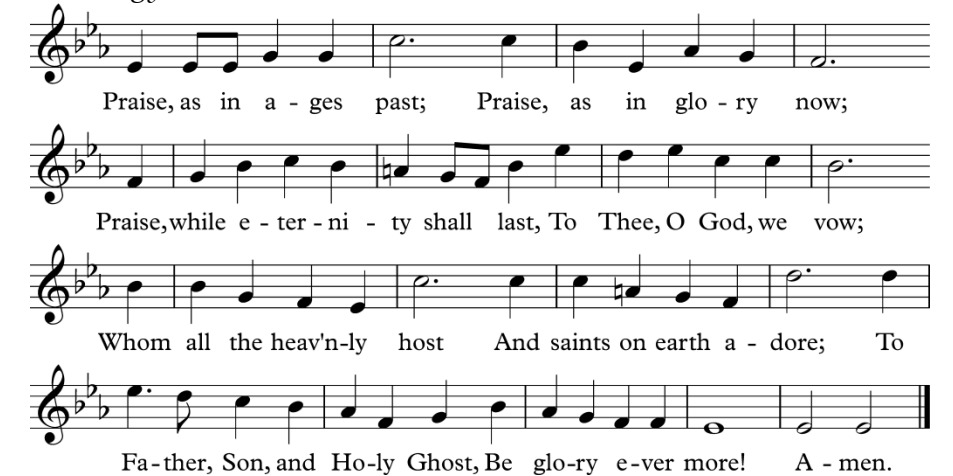
<sup>3</sup> And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

<sup>4</sup> They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

<sup>5</sup> There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever!

†Doxology

DIADEMATA



Praise, as in a - ges past; Praise, as in glo - ry now;  
Praise, while e - ter - ni - ty shall last, To Thee, O God, we vow;  
Whom all the heav'n-ly host And saints on earth a - dore; To  
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost, Be glo-ry e-ver more! A - men.

### CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed*

Hymn **234**  
MARTYRDOM

### THANKSGIVING

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
Thy Word Is Truth*

Kids4Truth SS Class

### PETITION

†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:1–27

†O God, Thou Art the Father

Hymn

St. Columba trans.  
Duncan MacGregor 1854-1923

Irish traditional tune

1. O God, thou art the Fa- ther of all that have be- lieved:  
2. High in the heav'n- ly Zi- on Thou reign- est God a- dored;  
3. Thou to the meek and low- ly thy se- crets dost un- fold;

from whom all hosts of an- gels have life and power re- ceived.  
and in the com- ing glo- ry thou shalt be Sov- 'reign Lord.  
O God, thou do- est all things, all things both new and old.

O God, thou art the Ma- ker of all cre- at- ed things,  
Be- yond our ken thou shin- est, the ev- er- last- ing Light;  
I walk se- cure and bless- ed in ev- 'ry clime or coast,

the right- eous Judge of judg- es, the Al- might- ty King of kings.  
in- eff- a- ble in lov- ing, un - think- a- ble in might.  
in name of God the Fa- ther, and Son and Ho- ly Ghost.

DURROW

THE SERMON  
Acceptable Worship (continued)  
Hebrews 12:18–29

†Jesus Shall Reign

Hymn 188

DUKE STREET

† PRAYER & BENEDICTION

† Congregation will stand (if able)



Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 PM

Evening Prayer Service, 6:00 PM

ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP—Hebrews 12:18–29 (CONTINUED)

Pastor Greg Stiekas

The author of Hebrews calls upon believers not only to be faithful to God, but most importantly to *draw near* to God in *worship*. In this wonderful text which draws together many of the theological themes of Hebrews, we are exhorted to “come to God” (vv. 18, 22), not to “refuse him” (v. 25), but to offer to God “acceptable worship” (v. 28). What is “acceptable” worship?

Formerly . . .

1. Worship that is grounded in new spiritual realities (18–24)
  - a. The Old Worship at Mount Sinai (18–22)
    - (1) We have not come to something physical or temporal.
    - (2) We have not come to something fearful.
    - (3) We have not come to something aloof or inaccessible.
  - b. The New Worship at Mount Zion (22–24)
 

*In contrast to the fearful worship at Sinai, believers have “come to” seven new spiritual realities:*

    - (1) To Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem
    - (2) To an innumerable company of angels in joyful assembly
    - (3) To the church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven,
    - (4) To the Judge who is God of all
    - (5) To the spirits of righteous ones made perfect,
    - (6) To Jesus the Mediator of a new covenant,
    - (7) To the sprinkled blood that speaks better than (the blood of) Abel

2. Worship that bows to the absolute sovereignty of God (25–27)

Today . . .

3. Worship that is fitting for so great an object (28–29)
  - a. Joyful praise, for we have received an eternal kingdom.
  - b. Reverent awe, for our God is a consuming fire.



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*Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,  
Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.  
Fellowship Dinner 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month & no evening service.  
Wednesday Evenings: Awana, Adult Bible Study, Teen Bible Study  
Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.*

**To Our Guests:** We welcome you to Bethany Bible Church! We trust you will sense our desire to exalt the Lord in our worship, as well as our commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures. You and your entire family are invited to worship with us. A nursery is provided for ages 0-3 if you would like, and you may also hear the service in the foyer or fellowship room if you need to attend to small children. We would like to have a record of your visit. You should receive a *guest card* which you may give to Pastor Stiekas personally or hand to one of our ushers. We trust that God will richly bless you as we endeavor to magnify the Lord on His day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY 6:45 PM, AWANA;** Adult Bible Study, 7:00; Teen discipleship class, 7:00 @ St. Jacques

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5-** Matt and Tiffany's wedding @ 3:00pm

	Mar 23	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$2,874	\$3,577	\$44,071	\$42,923
Missions			\$145	
Deacons Fund			\$1,661	
Building Fund	\$750		\$1,847	\$34,528

**KIDS4TRUTH Q&A AND MEMORY VERSE FOR NEXT WEEK**  
**Q. How good is God?**  
**A .** God is holy. He is perfectly good, perfectly pure, and perfectly committed to His glory. **Isaiah 6:3b**--Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! (303)

