

**Sunday, May 3, 2009**

**Reflections**

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.” - Romans 12:1

Whether we think of, or speak to, God, whether we act or suffer for him, all is prayer, when we have no other object than his love, and the desire of pleasing him. - John Wesley

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**Sunday Worship Service Participants**

**May 3**

Greeter - Michael Sterrett

Childcare Workers - Paula Townsend and Tiffany Brooks

Scripture Reading - Elizabeth Demeusy

**May 10**

Greeter - Matthew Demeusy

Childcare Workers - April Claggett and Aaron Brooks

Scripture Reading - Linda Mason

**May 17**

Greeter - Teck Hia

Childcare Workers - Linda Mason and Matthew Demeusy

Scripture Reading - Michael Sterrett

# Service of Praise

## **Prelude**

We invite you to prepare your heart for the worship of our God.

## **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 103:1-5, 22

*Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.*

*People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits-*

*Leader: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

*People: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.*

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (verses 1-3, 5)  
Number 76 in Trinity Hymnal

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

Great is Thy Faithfulness  
Number 32 in Trinity Hymnal

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# Call to Renewal

## Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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## A Moment of Private Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:13-14

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

### \* +Hymn of Thanks

Lamb of God

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*+Young children may be dismissed at this time.*





# Call to Commitment

## Collection of Our Gifts to God and to His Church

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

#### Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7 (NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> Listen to me, you islands;  
hear this, you distant nations:  
Before I was born the LORD called me;  
from my birth he has made mention of my name.
- <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me into a polished arrow  
and concealed me in his quiver.
- <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."
- <sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored to no purpose;  
I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing.  
Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,  
and my reward is with my God."
- <sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says—  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant  
to bring Jacob back to him  
and gather Israel to himself,  
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD  
and my God has been my strength-

<sup>6</sup> he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant  
to restore the tribes of Jacob  
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.  
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,  
that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

<sup>7</sup> This is what the LORD says—

the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—  
to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,  
to the servant of rulers:

"Kings will see you and rise up,  
princes will see and bow down,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

### **Prayer of Intercession**

## Sermon

Jesus the Good Shepherd

John 10:1-21 (NASB)

1"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber.

2"But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep.

3"To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4"When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

5"A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers."

6This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them.

7So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8"All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

9"I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

11"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

12"He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

13"He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep.

14"I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,

15even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

16"I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

17"For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may

take it again.

<sup>18</sup>"No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again This commandment I received from My Father."

<sup>19</sup>A division occurred again among the Jews because of these words.

<sup>20</sup>Many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?"

<sup>21</sup>Others were saying, "These are not the sayings of one demon-possessed. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?"

**\*Hymn of Response**

I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice  
Number 533 in Trinity Hymnal

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# Service of Communion

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Guidelines for Reception of Communion

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, it is important that you carefully consider the claims of the gospel and the grace that is offered through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to talk with an elder of the church and spend this time now in prayer and meditation on the scriptures in the bulletin.

## Scripture Verses for Those Not Communing

Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

- Isaiah 53:4-6

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”  
- John 3:16-18

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

- John 14:6

Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
- Romans 6:6-8, 22-23

## **\*Confession of Faith**

### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the Prophets.  
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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**\*Gloria Patri**  
Number 735 in Trinity Hymnal

# Gloria Patri

Text: 2nd century, traditional  
Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

Piano

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

Ghost: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with-out

end. A - - - - men, a - - - - men.

**\*Benediction**

**Announcements**  
(Please be seated)

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## Announcements\*

There will be a **church luncheon** on Sunday, May 17 after the worship service. Please sign up to bring something to share.

**George Whitefield Historical Tour:** Are you interested in church history? If the answer is yes, then plan to join Jason this summer to tour Exeter, NH and Newburyport, MA and visit the historic sites of the great evangelist George Whitefield. We are looking at July 11. Let Jason know if you are interested or would like more information.

### Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Life Together	Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	6 p.m.	Sunday Night Live	Barnes & Noble
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Small Group	Claggett house
	6:30 p.m.	Small Group	Wakefield house

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### Budget Information:

Ten (10) Months June 2008 thru March 2009

Regular Giving (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$63,329.40
Fund Raising	\$16,230.00
Total Giving (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$79,559.40
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$77,077.70
Adjusted Budget (1)	\$85,029.78
Excess to Expense (Income - Expense)	\$2,481.70
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$5,470.38)

(1) Original budget minus Portuguese Outreach & 3 months office rent

*\*If you have any announcements, please contact the Oquists.  
Phone: 603-881-3808, Email: [announcements@nashuapca.org](mailto:announcements@nashuapca.org)*

## Kingdom Focused Prayer

*Pray for God's name to be honored*

- Our worship service would be honoring to him
- Thankful for God's provision of a facility to worship in and to be diligent in our care of it so that people will see Christ in us

*Pray for His Kingdom to be extended*

- For our friends and neighbors to come to know Christ
- That Nashua be changed to reflect the city of God
- For the fatherless, widows, orphans and homeless to be cared for by believers
- For justice to be established in Nashua in our courts and streets
- Pray for the work of the Mission To North America committee of our Presbytery as we seek to plant more churches in Northern New England.
- For the opportunity to meet and get to know more people of Nashua because the office is located in a downtown professional building.

*Pray for His people to be fed and nurtured*

- For the Word to be preached faithfully
- That the witness and ministry of our church leadership would be empowered by the Spirit
- That all those who hear would be receptive to the Holy Spirit
- Pray for the elder/deacon training

*Pray for His forgiveness to be felt and extended to others*

- That we become more aware of our sinfulness
- That we be burdened with the things that burden God
- That we may experience the width, length, height, and depth of God's love for us
- For us to be bold in sharing our faith

*Pray for His Bride, the church, to be purified and kept from temptation*

- That God would sanctify his church
- That God would guard us from discouragement
- That God would protect us from gossip and complaining
- For God to strengthen us in faith, that we might believe His promises in the gospel, particularly His delight in saving the lost

## **Mercy Ministry Opportunities**

**Care Net Pregnancy Center of Nashua**  
883.9355

### *Supplies*

Baby items, diapers, etc.

**Upper Room Compassionate Ministries (Katie)**  
595.2039

### *Volunteers*

For sorting clothes or bagging food for 1 hour or more

### *Supplies*

Clothing, particularly socks (mens, childrens), shampoo, toothpaste, diapers (size 4 &5), outdoor clothing, hats, mittens, etc.

"Only the ministry of the church of Jesus Christ and millions of "mini-churches" (Christian homes) throughout the country can attack the roots of social problems." - Tim Keller, *Ministries of Mercy*