

Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church

Welcome

Welcome to our dedication service. Our service begins outdoors on the front steps. After the service we hope you will join us for coffee and treats downstairs!

Call to Worship

Psalm 24: 7-8, 10

L: Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

A: Who is this King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Prayer

O Eternal God, mighty in power, of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands: You have graciously promised your holy presence wherever two or three of your faithful servants gather together in the Name of your Son. Be present with us who now come with humility and gratitude to consecrate this place to the honor of your great Name. We dedicate it to the work of your kingdom, separating it from all profane use: for reading your most holy Word, for celebrating your holy Sacraments, for offering to your glorious majesty the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, for the blessing of your people, and for the mission of your Church. Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and fill this place with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Entrance Declaration

Peace be to this house and to all who enter here: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May our Lord Jesus Christ put his seal upon this place and protect it from all evil and darkness, that it may be a beacon of his truth and love.



- 1. All People that on earth do dwell Sing to the Lord with Cheerful voice; Serve him with joy, his praises tell, come now before him and rejoice
- 2. Know that the Lord, is God indeed; He formed us all without our aid. We are the flock he surely feeds, the sheep who by his hand were made.
- 3. O enter then his gates with joy,Within his courts his praise proclaim!Let thankful songs your tongues employ,O bless and magnify his name!
- 4. Because the Lord our God is good, His mercy is forever sure; His faithfulness at all times stood and shall from age to age endure.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
- 2 Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- 3 Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,
- 4 to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
- as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- 5 There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!
- 7 Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"
- 8 For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"
- 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 84: 1-4, 10

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
- 2 My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- 3 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Selah
- 10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
- I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,
- 2 for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.
- 5 He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates!

 And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- 8 Who is this King of glory?
 The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- 10 Who is this King of glory?The Lord of hosts,he is the King of glory! Selah

L: This is the Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Dedication

L: To you, God and Father of Jesus Christ, our Lord:

A: we dedicate this house.

L: To you, eternal Son of God, Redeemer of your people and Head of the church:

A: we dedicate this house.

L: To you, Spirit of God, Lord and giver of life, our teacher, sanctifier, and comforter:

A: we dedicate this house.

L: For the worship of God in praise and prayer; for the preaching of the gospel of the grace of God; for the celebration of the Holy Sacraments:

A: we dedicate this house.

L: For the diffusion of sacred knowledge; for the promotion of righteousness; for the extension of the kingdom of God:

A: we dedicate this house.

L: For release of the captives; for recovering of sight to the blind; for rest to the heavy-laden: A: we dedicate this house.

L: For comfort to those who mourn; for strength to those who are tempted; for assurance to those of little faith:

A: we dedicate this house.

L: In gratitude for the gracious keeping of the divine covenant throughout past generations; in reliance upon the promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church; in the hope of the eternal glory of the Church Triumphant:

A: we dedicate this house.

How Firm A Foundation

- 1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He has said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed, For I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, And sanctify to you your deepest distress.
- 4. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.
- 5. "When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply; The flame shall not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine."

Prayer of Illumination

Father, in every age you have spoken through the voices of prophets, pastors, and teachers, Purify the Lives and the lips of those who speak here, that the Gospel of Christ may be boldly and faithfully proclaims, for the building up of your Church and the extension of your kingdom. Amen.

Homily

Genesis 35:1-4

L: The grass withers and the flower fades

A: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

L: We praise you, almighty and eternal God, that for us and for our salvation, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be born among us, that through him we might become your sons and daughters.

A: Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

L: We praise you for his life on earth, and for his death upon the Cross, through which he offered himself as a perfect sacrifice.

A: Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

L: We praise you for raising him from the dead, and for exalting him to be our great High Priest.

A: Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

L: We praise you for sending your Holy Spirit to make us holy, and to unite us in your holy Church.

A: Blessed be your Name, Lord God.

L: We now bring our prayers before Almighty God.

You are invited to stand and pray out loud from your seat.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands, which have beautified this place and furnished it for the celebration of your holy mysteries. Accept and bless all we have done, and grant that in these earthly things we may behold the order and beauty of things heavenly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

- 1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.
- 2. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood; Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood. He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.
- 3. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way. as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the pow'rs of hell may vanish, as the darkness clears away.
- 4. At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Comunion

Sursum Corda

L: The Lord be with you

A: and also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give thanks and praise.

L: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

A: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L: Great is the mystery of Faith:

A: Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen

Benediction



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