

The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103

**Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul; and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.**

*Benediction

*Song: "The Lord Is My Light"

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Baptism of the Lord

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Mark 1:4,7,8

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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Gathering

Welcome

*Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 60)

Arise! Shine! For your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick darkness is over the peoples,

**but the Lord rises upon us,
and his glory appears over us.**

The sun will no longer be your light by day,
nor the moon by night.

**For the Lord will be our light,
and our God will be our glory.**

*Song: "Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come"

1. **Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of God is on you.**
Arise, see, when the earth grows dark, that the Lord will arise upon you,
the Lord will arise upon you.

*Chorus: Nations will come to Your light, lift up your eyes and see:
we'll gather together and come to You
and your love will be all that we know.
Your love will be all that we know.*

2. **Arise, come to the open gates for the Father is welcoming you.**
Fear not, for the Lord brings peace and redemption to all who believe,
redemption to all who believe. (to chorus)

*Bridge: The sun will not shine 'cause you'll be all the light that we need,
and violence will end; all the wars that we wage will cease. (2x)*
We will glorify your name, we will glorify your name.

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*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

...Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels
and the whole creation to say together:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

The Institution (I Corinthians 11)

The Consecration

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died;

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Dying, he destroyed our death;

rising, he restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the 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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Invitation

*We invite you to come to one of the communion stations when you feel ready
and ask that you take the bread and juice back to your seats.*

We will eat and drink together after all are served.

The Communion

Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,
 you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners,
 to seek and save the lost,
 to graft us into your body,
 and to call us to new life.
 But we fail to live as forgiven people.
 We maintain destructive habits and hold grudges.
 We allow our past to hold us hostage
 and are reluctant to welcome newness.
 In your loving-kindness have mercy on us.
 Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism
 so that we may live as your people,
 claimed in the waters of promise.

Amen.

Service of Baptism of Brooklynn Mae Rylaarsdam

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving: "Jesus Loves Me"

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Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Mark 1:1-13

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Sermon: "Water and the Wilderness"

Pastor Joel Kok

Response

*Song of Response: "Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering" LUYH 113

*We Profess Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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Prayers for the Church and World

*Song: "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

1. What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.

There is no more for heaven now to give.

**He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
 my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.**

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.

Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

2. The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,

for by my side the Saviour, he will stay.

I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,

for in my need his power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.

Through the deepest valley he will lead.

Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,

the future sure, the price, it has been paid.

For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,

and he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea.

Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus,

for he has said that he will bring me home.

And day by day I know he will renew me

until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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