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Prelude

Buxtehude: Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne

Welcome

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come—
This Church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1-4

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise

All Hail The Power
Of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all

Let every kindred every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all

Invocation

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end Amen Amen

Affirmation of Faith

Psalms 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

**People: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

**People: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

**All: God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

Hymn

Jesus, I My Cross
Have Taken

Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow thee
Naked poor despised forsaken
Thou from hence my all shalt be
Perish ev'ry fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heav'n are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me
Thou art not like them untrue
Oh while thou dost smile upon me
God of wisdom love and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me
Show thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me
Twill but drive me to thy breast
Life with trials hard may press me
Heav'n will bring me sweeter rest
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me
While thy love is left to me
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me
Were that joy unmixed with thee

Go then earthly fame and treasure
Come disaster scorn and pain
In thy service pain is pleasure
With thy favor loss is gain
I have called thee Abba Father
I have stayed my heart on thee
Storms may howl and clouds may gather
All must work for good to me

Call to

Confession

Matthew 22:36-40

Leader: "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

**Public
Confession**
Richard Baxter
[1615-1691]

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O most great, most just and gracious God; you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. Therefore, we confess that we are sinful by nature and that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have not been content with our daily bread.

You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father! We confess you alone are our hope. Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior. Amen.

**Silent
Confession**

**Assurance of
Pardon and
Comfort**
Romans 6:5-7

Leader: If we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

**(8:30)
Sacrament of
Baptism**

**Tithes &
Offerings**

**Musical
Offering**

Psalm 27, The Lord
Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus

*Who is like the Lord our God
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of his Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting times of need
When I know loss when I am weak
I know his grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus

And when I reach my final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise he will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

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The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

“Abraham’s Failure and God’s Faithfulness”

Genesis 20

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

O Great God

O great God of highest heav’n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer ev’ry rebel pow’r
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear your voice
Did not know your love within
Had no taste for heaven’s joys
Then your Spirit gave me life
Opened up your word to me
Through the gospel of your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life
That’s dependent on your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my ev’ry thought and deed
O great God of highest heav’n
Glorify your name through me

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Benediction

Postlude

Bach: At the Waters of Babylon

Announcements

Meet CPC Weekend

If you want to learn more about our church to help determine if it is a good fit for you, we invite you to register for our next Meet CPC Weekend. We will meet on Friday, April 4, 6:30–8:30 pm beginning with dinner. We gather together again on Saturday, April 5, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Register online at cpchouston.org/meet-cpc.

Family Ministry Social

Join us for our Family Ministry Social Saturday, April 5, at 5 pm at Kirby Ice House. Childcare and student events will be provided at CPC. Learn more and register online at cpchouston.org/social.

Palm Sunday Picnic

Bring your family and friends and join us for a church picnic on Palm Sunday, April 13, at the conclusion of the 11 am worship service! We will enjoy delicious food and fellowship. Children will enjoy an egg hunt and fun family games. Please sign up online at cpchouston.org/picnic.

Men's Steak Night

Men, come for a great time of fellowship and great food Friday, April 25! Details & registration: cpchouston.org/steak

CPC Grand Prix Summer Camp

Save the date for our CPC Grand Prix Summer Camp June 10-13! We invite rising kindergarten students through fifth graders to be part of this fun-filled camp. Register today at cpchouston.org/camp.

Mo-Ranch All-Church Retreat

We are heading back to Mo-Ranch in the Texas Hill Country July 24–27! Please prayerfully consider joining us for a great time of refreshment, games, fellowship, worship, and rest. Register online at cpchouston.org/mo-ranch.

Worship Choir

Worship Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New voices are welcome! Contact BJ McDougal.

Men's Bible Study

Join us for our Men's Bible Study on 1 Kings this spring! Pastor Richard Harris leads this time of teaching and small group discussion Tuesday mornings, 6:45-7:45 am, in the Chapel. Sign up at cpchouston.org/men. We will not meet April 1 or 15.

Join a City Group

City Groups are a great opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other believers, to discuss the Bible and other Christian books, and to pray for one another. For more information please contact Jack Smith.

Sunday School

Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10 am! Class descriptions: cpchouston.org/Sunday-School

Announcements

**Volunteers
Needed**

The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at cpchouston.org/deacons.

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