

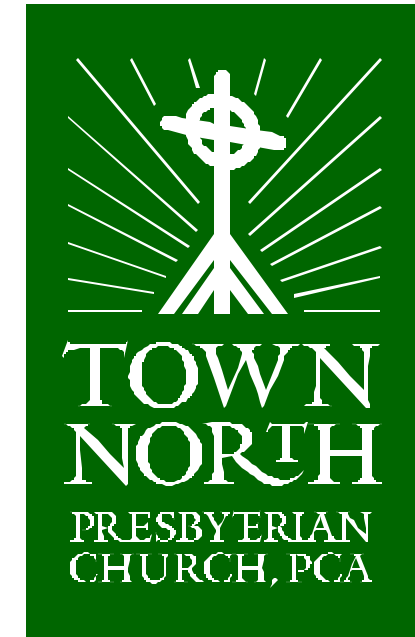
* BENEDICTION

from Romans 8:11, 14

PASTOR: Now may the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwell in you and give life to your mortal bodies, for all who are led by the Spirit of God, these are the children of God.

ALL: **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.**

POSTLUDE



This Evening's Order of
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for
C°MMUNI°N

May 2, 2010 • 6:30 P.M.
Worship Theme: God's Mercy

TOWN NORTH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

Loving God and Loving Others

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the New International Version of the Bible.

** Congregation Please Stand*

***If you would like to know more about becoming a Christian,
the pastor is available after the service.
Copies of the brochure "How Do I Become a Christian" are also available.***

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PRELUDE

WELCOMING THE ASSEMBLY

Elder Joel Aguilar

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 25

LEADER: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths;

PEOPLE: **Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.**

LEADER: Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

PEOPLE: **Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for your are good, O Lord.**

* INVOCATION

Pastor John Rantal

PASTOR: O Lord, open my lips,

PEOPLE: **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

1. My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed; I trust the ever-living One, his wounds for me shall plead.

Chorus —

*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.*

2. Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt; a sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. — *Chorus*
3. My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God; salvation by my Savior's name, salvation thro' his blood. — *Chorus*
4. My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save; for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. — *Chorus*

PUBLIC PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. We pursue profit and pleasures that we should not and harbor jealousy against our neighbors. We abuse your good gifts of freedom, intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*In these moments,
we individually come to God in prayer,
silently confessing personal sins that we may take hold
of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE OF GOD

1 Timothy 1:15–16

PASTOR: Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: *Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on Him and receive eternal life.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

TESTIMONIES OF GOD'S GRACE & PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Not What My Hands Have Done

1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul; not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole. Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God; not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.
2. Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin; thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within. Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee, can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.
3. Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak; thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break. No other work, save thine, no other blood will do; no strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.
4. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might; he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light. 'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon give s; I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Pastor John Rantal

Titus 3:3–7

³At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

* COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

1. Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men, from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.
2. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call; to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.
3. We taste of thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still; we drink of thee, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

ALL: We bless you for your continual love and care for every creature. We praise you for forming us in your image and calling us to be your people.

We thank you that you did not abandon us in our rebellion against your love, but sent prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation.

Above all we thank you for sending Jesus, your Son, to deliver us from the way of sin and death by the obedience of his life, by his suffering upon the cross, and by his resurrection from the dead.

We praise you that he now reigns with you in glory and ever lives to pray for us.

We thank you for the Holy Spirit, who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and out of every people unites us into one holy church. Amen.

AFFIRMING THE MYSTERY

PASTOR: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

PEOPLE: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

PASTOR: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

PEOPLE: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to the Lord.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

God of the Ages

1. God of the ages, history's Maker, planning our pathway, holding us fast, shaping in mercy all that concerns us: Father, we praise you, Lord of the past.
2. God of this morning, gladly your children worship before you, trustingly bow: teach us to know you, always among us, quietly sov'reign — Lord of our now.
3. God of tomorrow, strong Overcomer, princes of darkness own your command: what then can harm us? We are your people, now and forever kept by your hand.
4. Lord of past ages, Lord of this morning, Lord of the future, help us we pray: teach us to trust you, love and obey you, crown you each moment Lord of today.