

Grace Evangelical Church - Order of Service
September 3, 2006

(Asst.) **Welcome & Announcements**

(Minister): **Preparation for Worship** (Psalm 96:4)

"For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods."

(Minister): **Prayer of Invocation**

(Assistant): **Call to Worship:** (Psalm 147:1)

"Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!"

(Asst.)



Psalm 8B

(Minister): **Reading of the Law:**

The Scriptures teach, "through the law comes the knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:20). The Apostle Paul testifies, "I would not have come to know sin except through the law" (Romans 7:7). Thus, the Law shows us our sin and consequently our need of Christ. Let us then read the Law of God as found in Gal. 5:13-26

You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

(Minister): **Silent Confession:**

Dearly loved brothers and sisters, we are called to examine ourselves in the light of God's holy Law. Please kneel and take time to confess silently your personal sins.

(Minister) General Confession

Dearly loved brothers and sisters, this is a time for the Minister of the Word to confess our sins publicly. Please remain kneeling for this prayer.

(Minister): **Assurance of Forgiveness:**

Dearly loved brothers and sisters, you have heard God's Law and have confessed your sins to our merciful Heavenly Father. Do you believe that Jesus Christ, by His perfect life and sacrificial death and glorious resurrection, has fully atoned for all your sins and satisfied the wrath of God towards you?

Congregation: We do.

(Minister): **Declaration of Pardon**

In the name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of His Word, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven and you are not under the condemnation of God.

(Minister)



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.

(Minister) : Lord's Prayer

(Let us bow and pray together)

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.

(Asst.)



Psalm 22F

(Minister): The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into Hell; the third day He rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Asst.)



Psalm 119D

Congregational Reading: Led by Mr. Mark Lockyear Isaiah 52:1-15 (Congregation responds in Italics)

- 1. Awake, awake, O Zion, clothe yourself with strength. Put on your garments of splendor, O Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again.*
- 2. Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, O Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, O captive Daughter of Zion.*
- 3. For this is what the LORD says: "You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed."*
- 4. For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them.*
- 5. "And now what do I have here?" declares the LORD. "For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock, " declares the LORD. "And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed.*
- 6. Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I."*
- 7. How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"*
- 8. Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.*

9. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.
10. The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.
11. *Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing! Come out from it and be pure, you who carry the vessels of the LORD.*
12. *But you will not leave in haste or go in flight; for the LORD will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard.*
13. See, my servant will act wisely ; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.
14. Just as there were many who were appalled at him -- his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness--
15. so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. *For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.*

Congregational Prayer and Offering: *Led by Mr. Mark Lockyear*



Psalm 78A

Sermon: "Introduction to 1 Thessalonians" Various Scriptures

Communion



Doxology

(Minister): Benediction (1 Thess. 5:23-24, 28)

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.