



## Prayer of Confession

*Hob Pusey*

Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot  
change; open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.**

## Time for Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

*Hob Pusey*

All the prophets testify about Christ  
that everyone who believes in him  
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

—from Acts 10:43, NRSV

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## 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.  
A-men, A-men.*

## Offering

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

**Invitation** Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices  
are pleasing to God.

—from Hebrews 13:16, NRSV

## Offering

**Offertory** *Amazing Grace*  
*Pamela Johnson & Linda Gyrath*

*Kim*

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*  
*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*  
*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

## **Prayer of Dedication**

All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **Preparation Hymn 70**

*Begin, My Tongue Some Heavenly Theme*

### **Proclaiming God speaks to us through His Word**

#### **Scripture Reading**

*Genesis 17:1-16*

<sup>17</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him, saying, "I am God Almighty. Live in my presence and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> I will set up my covenant between me and you, and I will multiply you greatly."

<sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell facedown and God spoke with him: <sup>4</sup> "As for me, here is my covenant with you: You will become the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> Your name will no longer be Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I will make you the father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you extremely fruitful and will make nations and kings come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will confirm my covenant that is between me and you and your future offspring throughout their generations. It is a permanent covenant to be your God and the God of your offspring after you. <sup>8</sup> And to you and your future offspring I will give the land where you are residing—all the land of Canaan—as a permanent possession, and I will be their God."

<sup>9</sup> God also said to Abraham, "As for you, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations are to keep my covenant. <sup>10</sup> This is my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you, which you are to keep: Every one of your males must be circumcised. <sup>11</sup> You must circumcise the flesh of your foreskin to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and you. <sup>12</sup> Throughout your generations, every male among you is to be circumcised at eight days old—every male born in your household or purchased from any foreigner and not your offspring. <sup>13</sup> Whether born in your household or purchased, he must be circumcised. My covenant will be marked in your flesh as a permanent covenant. <sup>14</sup> If any male is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that man will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

<sup>15</sup> God said to Abraham, "As for your wife Sarai, do not call her Sarai, for Sarah will be her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her; indeed, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she will produce nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

#### **Sermon**

*"The Blessing and Sign of the Covenant"  
Rev. Tim Latham*

**Responding**  
***We respond to God's Word***

 **Profession of Faith** *(In Unison)*

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.

—Psalm 23

**Prayers of the People**

**Commissioning**  
***God sends us out into the world as His witnesses***

 **Commission Song** *He Will Hold Me Fast*

*Verse 1*  
*When I fear my faith will fail,*  
*Christ will hold me fast.*  
*When the tempter would prevail,*  
*He will hold me fast.*  
*I could never keep my hold*  
*Through life's fearful path;*  
*For my love is often cold*  
*He must hold me fast.*

*Chorus*  
*He will hold me fast,*  
*He will hold me fast;*  
*For my Savior loves me so,*  
*He will hold me fast.*

Verse 2

*Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His Promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.*

Chorus

Verse 3

*For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight,  
When He comes at last!*

Chorus (2 x)

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**

*Christ, the Cornerstone*

*Wilson*

**\*\*There is a called Congregational Meeting today, July 14th,  
immediately following worship for the election of officers. Please plan to attend.\*\***