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Alexandria Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of believers, rejoicing in the gospel, transformed by its power, and responding with grateful hearts in service to our God and world. We long to taste the glory of God in such an astonishing way that the city of Alexandria will be drawn to the majesty and mercy of our great God. It is our desire that our worship will serve as an authentic model to our city of the possibilities for transformation of individuals, families and a city encountering the glory and grace of God.

■ call to worship | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Please read responsively from Psalm 30.

Leader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

ALL: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Leader: O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

ALL: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

Leader: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

ALL: As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

Leader: By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

ALL: To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

Leader: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

ALL: Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!" You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

■ prayer of invocation

■ song of praise

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King—the triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God assist me to proclaim
To spread thru all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name

Jesus the name that charms our fears—that bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears—'tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin—He sets the pris'n'r free
His blood can make the foulest clean—His blood availed for me

He speaks and listening to His voice—new life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice—the humble poor believe

Hear Him ye deaf His praise ye dumb—your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind behold your Savior come and leap ye lame for joy

Glory to God and praise and love—be ever ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above the Church in earth and heav'n

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■ scripture reading | Deacon Mike and Denise McMullen

Matthew 5:1-16

Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Salt and Light

¹³"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

■ testimony | Steve, Beth & family, serving in Central Asia

■ congregational prayer | Josh Diack, Pastor of Congregational Life

■ offertory prayer | Deacon Aaron McCauley

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

■ sermon scripture reading

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

"A Witnessing Life"

Sermon series: Anticipation: Witnesses of the Supernatural

■ song of response

Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause O God engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves but for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray Your kingdom come

*Let Your kingdom come—Let Your will be done
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come*

Give us Your strength O God and courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till our dying breath

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■ benediction

■ announcements