

Morning Worship

Sunday, October 24th 2021

The Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.
2 Thessalonians 3:3

Sing Praise to Christ the King

Call to Worship

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
*Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
Feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.*

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
*Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my Strength and Shield; be thou still my Strength and Shield.*

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
*Thou didst conquer, thou didst conquer,
Sin, and Satan and the grave, sin, and Satan and the grave.*

*Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee!*

Prayer of Invocation

We ask God's presence to enable us to worship him as we ought.

Confess Your Sins to Our Gracious God

Call to Confession

Philippians 3:12-14

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Prayer of Confession

(from *Prone to Wander*)

Heavenly Father,

How free and generous is your grace that reminds us of the spiritual dangers we face and urges us to press on to know and love you more. We thank you that though we often turn away from you in weakness and rebellion, you always draw us back to yourself. You welcome us even though we have nothing to commend us, and you forgive us for our many backslidings. Like the prodigal son, we are always wandering off into the far country, but you always welcome us back, dressing us in beautiful garments and rejoicing over us with great joy. We cannot comprehend such lavish love and forgiveness, but we thank you, for without it we would be utterly lost.

Jesus, though your robes of righteousness come freely to us by faith, they were purchased at an unimaginable cost to you. You pressed on throughout your early life, steadfast in obedience and withstanding every attack from the evil one. You never wandered or faltered, even while suffering the deepest agony of rejection by your Father. Thank you for meriting our salvation, and for winning the greatest prize for us. You have paid the price for all our sin, past, present, and future, and you have wrapped us safely in the rich robes of your righteousness. We worship you, undone by your kindness and love.

Holy Spirit, hold fast to us. Melt our hearts with the powerful love shown to us at the cross. Fill our minds with its glory and attach our souls to the truths that we hear so often and yet so frequently forget. Hold us up, or we will fall time and time again. Show us truth, or we will follow after lies and worship false gods. Give us faith, or we will live in the barren wilderness of our own imaginations. Our every breath comes from you; give us abundant spiritual life and overflowing joy in the knowledge that you have made us your children and you will never let us go. In Christ's name, amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 40:29-31

He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me!
And like a flood His mercy rains unending love, amazing grace!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow the sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below will be forever mine. *Refrain*

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. *Refrain*

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading

Revelation 2:12-17

12 “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

13 “‘I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. 14 But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. 15 So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.’

Sermon

“Living Near Satan’s Throne”

Mr. Shawn Spalti

Receive the Gifts of His Grace

The Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, who are communicant members of a Bible-believing church, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. The cups with lighter liquid contain grape juice, the darker liquid is wine. The darker bread in the paper cup in the center of the plate is gluten-free. While communion is being served, please feel free to join in song or meditate quietly on Christ's sacrifice.

Song of Preparation:

Jesus, Be My All

How sad our state by nature is, our sin how deep it stains;
When Satan takes our captive minds, and binds us with his chains.
But there's a voice of sovereign grace, within your sacred Word:
"Come you hopeless, lost sinners come, and trust upon the Lord."

My soul obeys the mighty call and runs to this relief,
I have believed your promise, Lord, oh help my unbelief!
To the fountain of your own blood, incarnate God, I fly,
Here let me wash my spotted soul from crimes of deepest dye.

Stretch out your arm, victorious King, remaining sins subdued,
Defeat the pride that dwells within keep Calvary in my view.
A guilty, weak, and helpless soul, into your arms I fall,
Lord, be my strength and righteousness, my Jesus, be my all!

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Response:

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high Priest whose Name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I am, the King of glory and of grace.
One in Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God!

Benediction

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