

# **Lord's Day Worship**

## **Sunday, March 27, 2022**

**Worship Presider: Elder Lewis Waha**

Finally, Christ is the King, ruling over all things. Over His church He reigns by means of His Holy Spirit (Acts 2:30–33). He sovereignly gives repentance to the impenitent and bestows forgiveness on the guilty (Acts 5:31). Christ is "our eternal King who governs us by His word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the enjoyment of that salvation, He has purchased for us" (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A. 31). As the royal Heir of the new creation, He will lead us into a kingdom of eternal light and love.

As such, we can agree with John Calvin when he says, "We may patiently pass through this life with its misery, cold, contempt, reproaches, and other troubles—content with this one thing: that our King will never leave us destitute, but will provide for our needs until, our warfare ended, we are called to triumph." We can grow in the Christian life only as we live obediently under Christ's rule and by His power.

—Joel Beeke, *Jesus' Threefold Office as Prophet, Priest, and King*

## ***Sing Praise to the Lord***

### **Call to Worship**

**Romans 5:17-21**

For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one-man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **We Come, O Christ to You**

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,  
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began:  
In you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God, your blood our ransom paid;  
In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.  
Before the throne absolved we stand, your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in you,  
The Source of every skill, the one eternal True!  
O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know you is to live  
The more abundant life that earth can never give:  
O risen Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,  
To you our hearts with praise adoringly we bring:  
So fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

### **Prayer of Invocation**

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

## ***Recount the Wonders of His Mercy***

### **Call to Confession**

**1 John 3:23-24**

And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**(from Streams of Mercy)**

Merciful and gracious God,

We come before you as people who desperately need to see you with clear vision. We need to behold your majesty in order to feel our smallness; we need to gaze upon your holiness in order to feel our sinfulness; we need to see your humble self-offering at the cross in order to know how truly loved we are. Father, as we contemplate your beauty, help us to see how unlike you we really are. We transgress your wise laws, love iniquity instead of righteousness, and sin freely against your holy character. Instead of believing in the name of Jesus Christ and loving one another, we trust in ourselves and our own efforts, while despising and mocking others for their own weakness. Instead of forgiving others, we cast ourselves in the role of judge, eagerly repaying evil to those who have done evil to us. You, however, have shown steadfast love to us while we still hated you; you spoke words of forgiveness to us while we used your name as a curse; you have richly blessed us with the gift of your Spirit, even while we continue to look anywhere and everywhere else for our blessings.

Lord Jesus, you showed mercy and grace in the face of undeserved evil. You were mocked and beaten for us; when sinful men reviled you, you were silent like a sheep before its slaughterer; when people cursed you, instead of bringing deserved judgement upon them, you spoke words of forgiveness and blessing in return. Thank you for living the life of unmatched goodness toward God and your neighbor that we should have lived, and for taking our place under the curse that our sin merits.

Holy Spirit, help us to live lives that abide in Christ and are thus truly a blessing to those around us. Help us to love those who are unkind and unfair to us, to speak kind words to those who mock us, and to be gentle with those who are harsh. Thank you that your declaration of blessing upon us is sure and immovable, rooted and grounded in your unchanging and eternal character. Amen.

### **Silent Prayers of Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Romans 10: 9-10, 13**

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

## **None Other Lamb**

None other Lamb, none other Name,  
None other hope in heav’n or earth or sea,  
None other hiding-place from guilt and shame, none beside thee.

My faith burns low, my hope burns low;  
Only my heart’s desire cries out in me  
By the deep thunder of its want and woe, cries out to thee.

Lord, thou art Life, though I be dead;  
Love’s fire thou art, however cold I be;  
Nor heaven have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home but thee.

*(Children may be excused to YWIT class.)*

## **Prayer for the Church and Congregation**

### ***Give Attention to His Powerful Word***

## **Scripture Reading**

**Luke 9:51-10:16**

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup> But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> And they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup> To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go

and proclaim the kingdom of God.”<sup>61</sup> Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.”<sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ <sup>6</sup> And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. <sup>9</sup> Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ <sup>12</sup> I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

<sup>13</sup> “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>14</sup> But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>15</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

<sup>16</sup> “The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

**Sermon**

***“Grace and Judgement”***  
Reverend Bob Schmidtberger

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 31**

**Leader:** Q. Why do we call the savior Jesus “the Christ” and the “King?”

**People:** A. Because Christ has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher, who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance, our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

### **Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 45**

**Leader:** Q. How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

**People:** A. Because Christ executes the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to himself, and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly governs them; in bestowing saving grace upon his elect, rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings, restraining and overcoming all their enemies, and powerfully ordering all things for his own glory, and their good; and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.

### **Ah Holy Jesus**

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee! I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

## ***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.*

### ***Song of Preparation:***

#### **I Will Glory in My Redeemer**

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me,  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,  
and hung him on that judgment tree.

*I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death!  
My only Savior before the Holy Judge,  
The Lamb who is my righteousness, the Lamb who is my righteousness.*

I will glory in my Redeemer, my life he bought, my love he owns;  
I want no longings for another, I'm satisfied in him alone.  
*I will glory in my Redeemer, his faithfulness my standing place,  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,  
My feet are firm, held by his grace, my feet are firm, held by his grace.*

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings;  
He crowns my life with lovingkindness, his triumph song I'll ever sing!  
*I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold,  
And when he calls me it will be paradise,  
His face forever to behold, his face forever to behold! (Repeat)*

***Song of Response:***

**There Is a Redeemer**

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one.

*Thank you oh my Father, for giving us your Son,*

*And leaving your Spirit, 'til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my redeemer, Name above all names,

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, oh, for sinners slain. *Chorus*

When I stand in glory, I will see his face,

And there I'll serve my king forever, in that holy place. *Chorus*

**Benediction**

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