

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Worship Presider: Elder Ken Brown

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 21:22-27

Sing Praise to the Lord

Call to Worship

Matthew 21:6-9

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

All Glory Laud and Honor

All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present.
To Thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

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

from Jeremiah 7:3-14

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds. Do not trust in these deceptive words: ‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.’

For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow,

or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, then I will let you dwell in this place.

Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods, and then come and stand before me in this house and say, ‘We are delivered!’—only to go on doing all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the LORD. Go now to my place that was in Shiloh, where I made my name dwell at first, and see what I did to it because of the evil of my people Israel.

Prayer of Confession

(adapted from *The Valley of Vision*)

O God,

May your Spirit speak in me that I may speak to you. I have no merit, let the merit of Jesus stand for me. I am undeserving, but I look to your tender mercy. I am full of infirmities, wants, sin; you are full of grace.

I confess my sin, my frequent sin, my wilful sin. All my powers of body and soul are defiled. A fountain of pollution is deep within my nature. I am utterly ashamed that I am what I am in myself. I have no green shoot in me nor fruit, but thorns and thistles. I am a fading leaf that the wind drives away. I live bare and barren as a winter tree, unprofitable, fit to be hewn down and burnt. Lord, do you have mercy on me? You have struck a heavy blow at my pride, at the false god of self, and I lie in pieces before you.

But you have given me another Master and Lord, your Son, Jesus, and now my heart is turned towards holiness. My life speeds as an arrow from a bow towards complete obedience to you. Help me in all my doings to put down sin and to humble pride. Save me from the love of the world and the pride of life. Let Christ’s nature be seen in me day by day. Grant me grace to bear your will without complaining, and delight to be, not only chiseled or fashioned, but separated from the old rock where I have been embedded so long, and lifted from the quarry to the upper air, where I may be built in Christ forever. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 17:8

Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.

Show Us Christ

Prepare our hearts, O God; help us to receive.

Break the hard and stony ground; help our unbelief.

Plant your Word down deep in us; cause it to bear fruit.

Open up our ears to hear. Lead us in your truth.

Show us Christ; show us Christ.

O God, reveal your glory through the preaching of your Word

Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.

Your Word is living light upon our darkened eyes,

Guards us through temptations, makes the simple wise.

Your Word is food for famished ones, freedom for the slave,

Riches for the needy soul; come speak to us today. *Chorus*

Where else can we go, Lord, where else can we go?

You have the words of eternal life. (4x)

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:12-25

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³ And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it.

When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.

¹⁴ And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.

¹⁵ And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹⁶ And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷ And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." ¹⁸ And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. ¹⁹ And when evening came they went out of the city.

²⁰ As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹ And Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.” ²² And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. ²³ Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

Sermon

“A Tree Out of Season”

Robert Pazehoski

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,
But in the costly wounds of love, at the cross.
My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame,
But in the blood of Christ that flowed, at the cross.

*I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul
I will trust in him, no other. My soul is satisfied in him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die. Fame, youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us, at the cross.
I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ, at the cross. *Refrain*

Two wonders here that I confess: My worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed - my ransom paid, at the cross. *Refrain*

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:

He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions

He was wounded for our transgressions,
He bore our sins in his body on the tree;
For our guilt he gave us peace, from our bondage gave release,
And with his stripes, and with his stripes,
And with his stripes our souls are healed.

He was numbered among transgressors,
We did esteem him forsaken by his God;
As our sacrifice he died, that the law be satisfied,

And all our sin, and all our sin, and all our sin was laid on him
We had wandered, we all had wandered, far from the fold
Of the shepherd of the sheep; but he sought us where we were,
On the mountains bleak and bare,
And brought us home, and brought us home,
And brought us safely home to God.

Who can number his generation?
Who shall declare all the triumphs of his cross?
Millions dead now live again, myriads follow in his train!
Victorious Lord, victorious Lord, victorious Lord and coming King.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Response:

Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain.
*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. *Refrain*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day, with its shadows o'er me. *Refrain*

Near the cross I'll watch and wait hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand, just beyond the river. *Refrain*

Benediction

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