

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Worship Presider: Elder Ken Brown

Dearly beloved [brethren],

The Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and

confess our manifold sins and wickedness;

and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them

before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father;

but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart;

to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same

by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God;

yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together

to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands,

to set forth his most worthy praise,

to hear his most holy word,

and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary,

as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present,

to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice,

unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

—Book of Common Prayer, 1662

Sing Praise to the Lord

Call to Worship

Psalm 149:1-6

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

**Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.

**Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.**

Let the high praises of God be in their throats.

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.
Make known the power of his grace, the beauty of his peace.
Remember how his mercy reached and we cried out to him.
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.
*Oh sing my soul, and tell all he's done,
Till the earth and heavens are filled with his glory!*

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.
His power in us is greater than, is greater than this world.
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace,
That all who see him shine through us; might bring the Father praise. *Chorus*

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.
No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest he has grown.
We labor in his fields of grace as he leads sinners home. *Chorus*

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

Psalm 130:3-8

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Prayer of Confession (Adapted Book of Common Prayer, 1928)

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast compassion upon all men, and who desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Your property is always to have mercy; to You only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with Your servants; but so turn Your anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our transgressions, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to thy people, Who turn to You in weeping, fasting, and praying. For You are a merciful God, Full of compassion, Long-suffering, and of great pity. You spare when we deserve punishment, And in Your wrath think upon Your mercy. Spare Your people, good Lord, spare them, And let not Your heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for Your mercy is great, And after the multitude of Your mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of Your blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; Receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Your great mercy loose us; for the honor of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Oh For a Thousand Tongues

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

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 power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

I felt my Lord's atoning blood close to my soul applied;
Me, me he loved, the Son of God, for me, for me he died!

See all your sins on Jesus laid: the Lamb of God was slain,
His soul was once an offering made for every soul of man.

Harlots and publicans and thieves in holy triumph join!
Saved is the sinner that believes from crimes as great as mine.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

(Children may be excused to YWIT class.)

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:22-4:1

²² Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

¹ Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

Sermon

“The Quick and The Slack”

Reverend Mark Horne

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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

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)

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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