Lord's Day Worship Sunday, June 19th, 2022

Worship Presider: Reverend Bob Schmidtberger

When the blessed apostles
were gathered together
the place shook
and the scent of Paradise
having recognized its home
poured forth its perfumes,
delighting the heralds
by whom
the guests are instructed
and come to his banquet;
eagerly he awaits their arrival
for he is the Lover of mankind.

—Ephrem of Syria

Sing Praise to Our Lord, Jesus Christ

Call to Worship

The Holy Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs of God. Fellow heirs with Christ, come and bow your hearts to the Father and worship him.

Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding

Sovereign grace o'er sin abounding! Ransomed souls, the tidings swell; 'Tis a deep that knows no sounding; Who its breadth or length can tell? On its glories, on its glories, let my soul for ever dwell.

What from Christ that soul can sever, bound by everlasting bands? Once in him, in him for ever; thus the eternal covenant stands. None shall take thee, none shall take thee from the Strength of Israel's hands.

from Romans 8:16-17

Heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus, long ere time its race begun; To his name eternal praises; O what wonders love has done! One with Jesus, one with Jesus, by eternal union one.

On such love, my soul, still ponder, love so great, so rich, so free; Say, while lost in holy wonder, "why, O Lord, such love to me?" Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Grace shall reign eternally!

Prayer of Invocation

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

Confess Our Deep Need for Jesus

Call to Confession Psalm 2:10-12

Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Prayer of Confession

(from *Prone to Wander*)

Father,

We confess with our lips the blessedness of taking refuge in you. However, our lives proclaim a different story. We sing the wonders of your love, but in our hearts we grumble and complain about your perfect law, under whose wise counsel we chafe. We declare that we long for your coming, but in truth we are more wrapped up in the gifts that you give us than we are in you yourself. Instead of rejoicing in the heritage you have given us, and humbly resting in your wisdom in the trials into which you bring us, we are constantly concerned about the present and fearful for the future. Father, forgive us.

Lord Jesus, thank you that you are the king who rules in truth and grace. You are the First and the Last, the Lord of the nations, worthy of the praises of all peoples. Thank you that you bore the curse of Adam's sin and ours, and that through your perfect obedience, you bring unbounded blessing to all those who trust in you. Thank you that you rejoiced perfectly in your Father's law and took refuge in him from life's storms. Thank you that you, the Eternal One, took flesh and died for us, and that you are now alive forevermore, ruling over the entire universe.

Holy Spirit, we thank you that you have been poured out on all nations, bringing Jews and Gentiles together in Christ. Give us renewed hearts that delight to serve and worship you. Fill us with such a passion for the gospel that we long to declare the reign of Christ everywhere we go, both here and to the ends of the earth. Enter in to reign as sovereign in our hearts, that all may bow the knee to Jesus and give him the glory he deserves. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Revelation 1:12-18

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me,

saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free, To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong; To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers, upon the fruitful earth; And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth; Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald, go; And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, From age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed; The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; His name shall stand forever, that name to us is love.

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to the Spirit Inspired Word

Scripture Reading

Acts 2

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were

amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

17 "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;
18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they

in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³ this Jesus, ^[c] delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

²⁶ "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad,

and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹ "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their

homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Sermon

"Sent by the King: The Holy Spirit"

Reverend Robert Schmidtberger

Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power. He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall; If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all. Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness he requires is to feel your need of him.

This he gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of his blood. Venture on him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude. None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good. *He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.*

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:

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole. Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see; Give me passion for your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do— Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude, Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made, Show your power once again on earth;
Cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Response:

Let the Nations Be Glad

Let the glory of the Lord forever be a joy
May redemption be the theme of our song
For by grace we have been saved
And by grace we shall proclaim
To the corners of the earth that Christ has come

Let the nations be glad, let the people rejoice
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the Lord
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the nations be glad

Through the ages gone before
Through the trial and the sword
Many saints and martyrs conquered though they died
Still we're holding out the cross
Crossing ocean suffering loss
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life *Refrain*

As your holy church goes forth, in the Holy Spirit's power With the glories of the Gospel to explain Now we pray Your kingdom come And we pray Your will be done For the honor and the glory of Your name *Refrain*

Benediction

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