

# **Lord's Day Worship**

## **Sunday, July 17, 2022**

**Worship Presider: Reverend Bob Schmidtberger**

He is preeminent in creation because He is the Creator.  
He is preeminent in redemption for He is the Redeemer. He is preeminent in the church because He is the One who gave Himself for the church.

— J. Vernon McGee

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

### **Call to Worship**

**Genesis 1:1, Colossians 1:16-17**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

All things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. *Let all creation bow before him in humble adoration.*

### **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**

**Psalm 99:1-3**

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion;

He is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

### **Prayer of Confession**

**(from Streams of Mercy)**

Glorious and holy God,

You are far beyond our knowledge, yet eager to be known by us; mysterious, yet revealed to us in your creation, your Word, and your Song; radiant in holiness and glory, yet merciful to your wayward children. You deserve praise and honor, for you are the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, and at your pleasure empires rise and fall.

What did you see in us, that we—diseased and despised sinners—should be clothed in your bright glory? That fallen rebels like us should be lifted from a pit of sin to be seated next to a king? That those who are groaning, weeping, and grumbling should be invited to a joy as full as our hearts can hold? Who can fathom such immeasurable love?

Father, teach us to honor and fear you as we should. You are a powerful God and consuming fire. Forgive us for our tendency to treat you as our errand boy and a good luck charm, whose job it is to serve us and do our bidding. Forgive us for fearing you sinfully, for our failure to trust you, for mistaking your hand of love and instruction for a fist of vengeance and anger, for doubting that you have poured out all your wrath on Christ and in our place. Father, forgive us and help us to understand your heart—to worship you with holy reverence and great joy.

Holy Spirit, comfort us often with the righteousness of Christ. We have been given a glorious record of obedience we could never earn; let us see his childlike trust and respect for his Father, his deep humility, and his utter dependence on God. Show us that all of his goodness has been given to us and covers us, though we struggle daily to rest in his grace and mercy. May we be diligent to honor and serve the one who has suffered in our place. Help us to see our sin, to mourn for it,

and then to dance and frolic in the finished work of Christ. Ravish us with his glory, enflame our hearts with love and gratitude, and transform our sluggish and tepid souls until we are fervent with joy and devoted to obedience. May the unfathomable beauty of Christ and his immeasurable love for us cause us to burn with holy fear and boundless delight until we see his face and fall at his feet in worship. In his glorious name we pray, amen.

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Colossians 1:13-14**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### **Poor Sinner, Dejected With Fear**

Poor sinner, dejected with fear, unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;  
No wrath on his brow he does wear, nor will he poor mourners condemn;  
His arm of omnipotent grace is able and willing to save;  
A sweet and a permanent peace he'll freely and faithfully give.

Come just as thou art, with thy woe, fall down at the feet of the Lamb;  
He will not, he cannot say, "Go", but surely will take out thy stain  
A fountain is opened for sin, and thousands its virtues have proved  
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein, and wash thee from filth in his blood.

The soul that on Jesus relies, he'll never, no never deceive;  
He freely and faithfully gives more blessings than we can conceive;  
Yea, down to old age he will keep, nor will he forsake us at last;  
He knows and is known by his sheep; they're his, and he will hold them fast.

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

### ***Hear His Preeminent Word***

### **Scripture Reading**

**Colossians 1**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup> We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup> since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, <sup>6</sup> which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, <sup>7</sup> just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf <sup>8</sup> and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

<sup>24</sup> Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup> of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God

chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

## **Sermon**

## **“#1 Who Holds it All Together”**

Reverend Tony Cowley

## **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.

## **Praise to the Lord the Almighty**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
All you who hear, now to his temple draw near; praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning,  
Shelt'ring you under his wings, and so gently sustaining;  
Have you not seen? All that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining.

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you;  
Rescued and healed, and when helplessly falling has stayed you.  
What need or grief ever has failed of relief? Wings of his mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who does prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,  
Who, when the elements madly around you are raging,  
Tells them to cease, then turns their fury to peace, whirlwinds and waters  
assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again, gladly forever adore him!

## ***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:***

### **Christ Our Hope in Life and Death**

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.  
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal!  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess:  
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?  
*Chorus*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord; then sin and death will be destroyed.  
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore  
*Chorus (2x)*

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

### ***Song of Response:***

#### **All Glory Be To Christ**

Should nothing of our efforts stand  
No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain  
Tell me, What is your life?  
A mist that vanishes at dawn  
All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our king!  
All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come  
On earth as is above



Who is Himself our daily bread  
Praise Him, the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy  
The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
All glory be to Christ!

*Chorus*

When on the day the great I Am  
The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain  
Is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast light  
And we shall e'er his people be  
All glory be to Christ!

*Chorus*

## **Benediction**

*The lyrics of the songs are used by permission. CCLI License #3008560*

Poor Sinner: Words W. Gadsby; Music: Katy Bowser and M.P. Jones © 2001 MPJ.

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death: Words and Music by Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa © 2020 Getty Music Publishing (BMI) / Messenger Hymns (BMI) / Jordan Kauflin Music (BMI) / Matthew Merker Music (BMI) / Getty Music Hymns and Songs (ASCAP) / Love Your Enemies Publishing (ASCAP).