

# **Lord's Day Worship**

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## *Sing Praise to the Lord*

### **\*Call to Worship**

**Hebrews 1:1-4**

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

### **\*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

Christ, by highest Heav'n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time, behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. *Refrain*

Come, Desire of nations, come, fix in us thy humble home;  
Rise, the woman's conqu'ring Seed, bruise in us the serpent's head.  
Adam's likeness, Lord, efface, stamp thine image in its place:  
Second Adam from above, reinstate us in thy love. *Refrain*

Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die.  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. *Refrain*

### **\*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**

**John 14:15-17**

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**(from *Prone to Wander*)**

Heavenly Father,

You are our great King. We are eager to declare our willingness to go where you command and follow wherever you lead. Yet we confess that we are very weak and fickle. We are easily distracted, constantly diverted from your ways, and quick to follow our own sinful hearts instead. As we plan our futures, we think more of our safety, comfort, and financial profit than we do of laying down our lives for the sake of your kingdom. We are eager to please our families and friends, and slow to consider your calling and your glory our highest goal.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you did not guard your own interests, but chose to leave the comfort and richness of heaven for us. When you came to earth, you did not build a secure and comfortable home for yourself, but camped out in the open air or lived in the homes of others. Your first bed on earth was a dirty feeding trough; your last bed, a stone slab in a cold tomb. You made yourself vulnerable, not only to the harsh elements of nature, but also to the foul hatred of those you had come to save. You even gave up the precious fellowship you had shared with your Father from all eternity, to make your rebellious enemies into your redeemed brothers and sisters. Your obedient, joyful self-sacrifice now enables us to stand before our Father, forgiven of our self-centeredness and clothed in your obedience.

Teach us what it means to take up our cross daily and follow you. Help us put to death our overwhelming desires to control our own lives in the present and future. Show us the emptiness of owning nice things, the shallowness of the praise of others, and the offensiveness of our enormous pride. Fill us with such a burning passion for your glory that we will suffer any loss, ridicule, inconvenience, or cost, in order to hear your name praised in every land, from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets. Change our selfish hearts. Enlarge them with a love and gratitude toward you so immense and powerful that following you will be our greatest joy and delight. Amen.

### **Silent Prayers of Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

## **1 Corinthians 1:4-5, 7-9**

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge... so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **\*The Son of God Came Down**

The Son of God came down and laid aside his crown,  
Born without great renown, this Sovereign One.  
All holiness and might, all glory shining bright  
Have come to earth this night in Mary's son.  
O come, let us adore!

*O Christ the Lord, our hope and Savior, Son of God yet made like us,  
O Christ the Lord, our King adored, born a child, our Lord Jesus.*

Messiah born so small, asleep in cattle stall,  
Come to redeem our fall, nailed to a tree.  
This tiny, helpless child through death would reconcile  
The holy God and vile, His grace so free.  
O come, let us adore! *Refrain*

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

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

## **Children's Message**

### **Scripture Reading**

**Galatians 5:19-26**

<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

### **Sermon**

**Are You Keeping in Step with the Spirit?**

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### **Sermon Outline**

Proposition: In Galatians 5:19-26, warning against the works of the fleshly desires, the Apostle Paul encourages the Galatians to keep in step with the Spirit who gives the Fruit and victories.

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Flesh according to the Apostle Paul.

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit according to the Apostle Paul.

## **\*Confession of Faith**

## **Westminster Confession of Faith**

*Q. Dear Christians, what do we believe concerning Sanctification?*

*A. We believe...*

*13.1.* Those who are effectually called and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified—truly and personally—through the power of Christ's death and resurrection, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them. The dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, its various lusts are more and more weakened and put to death, and those called and regenerated are more and more enlivened and strengthened in all saving graces, leading to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

*13.2.* This sanctification, although imperfect in this life, is effected in every part of man's nature. Some remnants of corruption still persist in every part, and so there arises a continual and irreconcilable war—the flesh warring against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.

*13.3.* Although in this war the remaining corruption may strongly prevail for a time, yet, through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate nature overcomes, and so the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

*(We will receive our gifts and offerings for the Lord's work during the singing of the next song.)*

### **\*May the Mind of Christ My Savior**

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,  
By his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God, my Father, Rule my life in ev'rything,  
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea.  
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel, seeing only 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. While communion is being served, please feel free to join in song or meditate quietly on Christ's sacrifice.*

### **Cling to Christ**

Father, I can come to You and boast of deeds I've done  
In my pride I strive to earn the favor Christ has won  
He alone pleads my acceptance all my works aside  
So I come with empty hands and I cling to Christ

Father, I can go astray and battle needless fears  
Voices tell me I'm condemned and that I can't draw near  
But Your Spirit calls me homeward with Your words of life  
Jesus bore my every sin, so, I cling to Christ

It's more than I can do  
To keep my hold on You  
But all my hope and peace  
Is that You cling to me (x2)

Father, all my earthly aims in time will turn to dust  
Let me learn that loss is gain for those who know Your love  
All the treasures of this world will never satisfy  
You alone are endless joy, so, I cling to Christ

## **He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold, through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;  
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, he will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last! *Refrain*

## **\*Benediction**

### **\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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