

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, April 23rd, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

***God Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51)**

God, be merciful to me;
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace,
And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgment just;
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice,
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord

***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

Daniel 9:7-11

To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. To us, O LORD, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against him.

Prayer of Confession

(From *Streams of Mercy*)

Merciful Heavenly Father,

We have all turned away and rebelled against you. Some of us have openly flouted your laws and publicly pursued pathways of disobedience. Others have outwardly conformed, but inside- in our hearts- have rejected your wisdom and treasured our idols. Our thoughts, our words, and our deeds are all stained with sin. We are not blameless or innocent in your sight or our own. Even our best deeds have often been done in order to justify ourselves and establish our own righteousness apart from you, because we refuse to rely on your grace and mercy. You have given us your perfect Word, and we have neglected and ignored its teaching, because we wanted to be free to pursue our own desires. We are desperate sinners who deserve to be cut off from you forever. Lord, remember your mercy and have compassion on us in our great weakness.

Jesus, thank you that you, the Righteous One, entered our sin-stained world and took on our flesh. You obeyed your Father and kept his laws perfectly, loving his Holy Word; then you gave us that righteousness and took onto yourself our shame. At the cross, you were cut off from your Father, as we deserve to be. In your

moment of great disgrace and reproach, you were not confounded or shaken. You remained faithful to your mission. When your Father hid his face and you experienced all of his overflowing anger poured out on you, you trusted in his everlasting love and compassion. You were driven away so that we could be gathered in as your beloved family. Because of you, we are now blameless and acceptable and welcomed in. Jesus, thank you for the luxurious gift of your obedience credited to us.

Holy Spirit, when we are fearful, give us the imagination of faith so that we can look forward and trust your promises. When shame overwhelms us, remind us that our shame did not overwhelm Christ, and that he destroyed it forever on the cross. Help us to remember your compassion toward us so we will come to you as weak and weary sinners, wounded by our fallenness, yet full of joy and hope in you. Give us hearts that genuinely desire to obey you and to love your law. Take our eyes off our own performance so that we may find deep comfort and confidence in the perfect obedience of our Savior. We pray in Jesus' glorious name, amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 54:4-8

Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. For the LORD has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer.

***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!

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Psalm 38

A Psalm of David, for the memorial offering.

- ¹ O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,
nor discipline me in your wrath!
- ² For your arrows have sunk into me,
and your hand has come down on me.
- ³ There is no soundness in my flesh
because of your indignation;
there is no health in my bones
because of my sin.
- ⁴ For my iniquities have gone over my head;
like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.
- ⁵ My wounds stink and fester
because of my foolishness,
- ⁶ I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;
all the day I go about mourning.
- ⁷ For my sides are filled with burning,
and there is no soundness in my flesh.
- ⁸ I am feeble and crushed;
I groan because of the tumult of my heart.
- ⁹ O Lord, all my longing is before you;
my sighing is not hidden from you.
- ¹⁰ My heart throbs; my strength fails me,
and the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.
- ¹¹ My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague,
and my nearest kin stand far off.
- ¹² Those who seek my life lay their snares;
those who seek my hurt speak of ruin
and meditate treachery all day long.

- ¹³ But I am like a deaf man; I do not hear,
like a mute man who does not open his mouth.
- ¹⁴ I have become like a man who does not hear,
and in whose mouth are no rebukes.
- ¹⁵ But for you, O LORD, do I wait;
it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.
- ¹⁶ For I said, "Only let them not rejoice over me,
who boast against me when my foot slips!"
- ¹⁷ For I am ready to fall,
and my pain is ever before me.
- ¹⁸ I confess my iniquity;
I am sorry for my sin.
- ¹⁹ But my foes are vigorous, they are mighty,
and many are those who hate me wrongfully.
- ²⁰ Those who render me evil for good
accuse me because I follow after good.
- ²¹ Do not forsake me, O LORD!
O my God, be not far from me!
- ²² Make haste to help me,
O Lord, my salvation!

Sermon

Are You Drowned with Sin and Guilt?

Rev. Seob Kim

Sermon Outline

I. David's Earnest _____ before the LORD

II. David's Earnest _____ before the LORD

III. David's Earnest _____ before the LORD

***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Confession of Faith

Q 17. Christians, what do we believe about the Perseverance of Saints?

A 1. They, whom God hath accepted in his Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.

A 3. Nevertheless, they may, through the temptations of Satan and of the world, the prevalency of corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of the means of their preservation, fall into grievous sins; and, for a time, continue therein: whereby they incur God's displeasure, and grieve his Holy Spirit, come to be deprived of some measure of their graces and comforts, have their hearts hardened, and their consciences wounded; hurt and scandalize others, and bring temporal judgments upon themselves.

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

***His Mercy is More**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn'
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more *Refrain*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more *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. While communion is being served, please feel free to join in song or meditate quietly on Christ's sacrifice.

Carried To The Table

Wounded and forsaken, I was shattered by the fall.
Broken and forgotten, I was lost and all alone.
Summoned by the King into the Master's courts,
Lifted by the Savior, and cradled in his arms.
*I was carried to the table, seated where I don't belong,
Carried to the table, swept away by his love.
And I don't see my brokenness anymore
When I'm seated at the table of the Lord.
I'm carried to the table, the table of the Lord.*

Fighting thoughts of fear and wondering why he called my name:
"Am I good enough to share this cup?" This world has left me lame.
Even in my weakness, the Savior called my name;
In his holy presence, I'm healed and unashamed. *Chorus*

I Come By the Blood

You are the perfect and righteous God whose presence bears no sin
You bid me come to your Holy place, how can I enter in
When your presence bears no sin?
Through him who poured out his life for me, the atoning Lamb of God
Through him and his work alone, I boldly come.
*I come by the blood, I come by the cross
Where your mercy flows from hands pierced for me
For I dare not stand on my righteousness
My every hope rests on what Christ has done, and I come by the blood*

You are the high and exalted King the One the angels fear
So far above me in every way Lord, how can I draw near
To the One the angels fear?
Through him who laid down his life for me and ascended to your side
Through him, through Jesus alone I boldly come. *Refrain (twice)*

***Benediction**

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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