

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, May 28th, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

Jeremiah 29:4-7

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
Feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my Strength and Shield; be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee!

***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

Romans 12:14-20

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed

him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Prayer of Confession

(From *The Valley of Vision*)

O LORD,

The world is clever to ensnare,
approaches in attractive appearance,
extends many a glided bait,
presents many a charming face.

Let my faith scan every painted ornament,
and escape every enchanting snare
in a victory that overcomes all things.

In my duties give me firmness, energy, zeal,
devotion to your cause,
courage in your name,
love as a working grace,
and all appropriated with my trust.

Let faith stride forth in giant power,
and love respond with energy in every act.

I often mourn the absence of my beloved Lord
whose smile makes earth a paradise,
whose voice is sweetest music,
whose presence gives all graces strength.

But by unbelief I often keep him outside my door.
Let faith give entrance that he may abide
with me forever.

Your Word is full of promises,
flowers of sweet fragrance,
fruit of refreshing flavor
when culled by faith.

May I be made rich in its riches,
be strong in its power,
be happy in its joy,
abide in its wetness,
feast on its preciousness,
draw vigor from its manna.

Lord, increase my faith.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Revelation 8:4-5

Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues; for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

*Our God Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

Thy Word commands our flesh to dust, “Return, ye sons of men:”
All nations rose from earth at first, and turn to earth again.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

Psalm 137

By the waters of Babylon,
there we sat down and wept,
when we remembered Zion.

² On the willows there
we hung up our lyres.

³ For there our captors
required of us songs,

and our tormentors, mirth, saying,
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

⁴ How shall we sing the LORD’s song
in a foreign land?

⁵ If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand forget its skill!

⁶ Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth,
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem
above my highest joy!

⁷ Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites
the day of Jerusalem,
how they said, “Lay it bare, lay it bare,
down to its foundations!”

⁸ O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed,
blessed shall he be who repays you
with what you have done to us!

⁹ Blessed shall he be who takes your little ones
and dashes them against the rock!

Sermon

Imprecatory Psalm of an Exiled Psalmist

Rev. Seob Kim

Sermon Outline

I. The _____ of the Exiled Psalmist

II. The _____ of the Exiled Psalmist

III. The _____ of the Exiled Psalmist

***Confession of Faith**

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Q 37. Christians, what do we believe about the Last Judgment

A. We believe, according to God's Word, that when the time appointed by the Lord is come (which is unknown to all creatures) and the number of the elect is complete, our Lord Jesus Christ will come from heaven, bodily and visibly, as he ascended, with great glory and majesty, to declare himself the judge of the living and the dead, He will burn this old world, in fire and flame, in order to cleanse it.

Then all human creature will appear in person before that great judge- men, women, and children, who have lived from the beginning until the end of the world. They will be summoned there by the voice of the archangel and by the sound of the divine trumpet.

The faithful and elect will be crowned with glory and honor. The son of God will "confess their names" before God his Father and the holy and elect angels; all tears will be "wiped from their eyes"; and their cause- at present condemned as heretical and evil by many judges and civil officers- will be acknowledged as the cause of the Son of God.

And as a gracious reward the Lord will make them possess a glory such as the heart of man could never imagine. So we look forward to that great day with longing in order to enjoy fully the promise of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

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

***On Jordan's Stormy Banks**

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land. (x2)

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away. *Chorus*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more. *Chorus*

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.

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

We Will Feast In the House Of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion;
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together;
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed, by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up. *Chorus*

In the dark of night, before the dawn;
My soul, be not afraid!
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. *Chorus*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed;
You are the Faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave;
Bind us together, bring shalom. *Chorus*

***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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