

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, June 11th, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

***Psalm 100: All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with joy, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good; his mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

***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 4:22-24

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Prayer of Confession

(From *Streams of Mercy*)

Merciful and gracious God,

We come before you as people who desperately need to see you with clear vision. We need to behold your majesty in order to feel our smallness; we need to gaze upon your holiness in order to feel our sinfulness; we need to see your humble self-offering at the cross in order to know how truly loved we are. Father, as we contemplate your beauty, help us to see how unlike you we really are. We transgress your wise laws, love iniquity instead of righteousness, and sin freely against your holy character. Instead of believing in the name of Jesus Christ and loving one another, we trust in ourselves and our own efforts, while despising and mocking others for their weakness. Instead of forgiving others, we cast ourselves in the role of judge, eagerly repaying evil to those who have done evil to us. You, however, have shown steadfast love to us while we still hated you; you spoke words of forgiveness to us while we used your name as a curse; you have richly blessed us with the gift of your Spirit, even while we continue to look anywhere and everywhere else for our blessings.

Lord Jesus, you showed mercy and grace in the face of undeserved evil. You were mocked and beaten for us; when sinful men reviled you, you were silent like a sheep before its slaughterer; when people cursed you, instead of bringing deserved judgment upon them, you spoke words of forgiveness and blessing in return. Thank you for living the life of unmatched goodness toward God and your neighbor that we should have lived, and for taking our place under the curse that our sin merits.

Holy Spirit, help us to live lives that abide in Christ and are thus truly a blessing to those around us. Help us to love those who are unkind and unfair to us, to speak kind words to those who mock us, and to be gentle with those who are harsh. Thank you that your declaration of blessing upon us is sure and immovable, rooted and grounded in your unchanging and eternal character. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Philippians 3:1-3

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh...

***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.

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

2 Chronicles 30

¹Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the Lord at Jerusalem to keep the Passover to the Lord, the God of Israel. ²For the king and his princes and all the assembly in Jerusalem had taken counsel to keep the Passover in the second month — ³for they could not keep it at that time because the priests had not consecrated themselves in sufficient number, nor had the people assembled in Jerusalem — ⁴and the plan seemed right to the king and all the assembly. ⁵So they decreed to make a proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, that the people should come and keep the Passover to the Lord, the God of Israel, at Jerusalem, for they had not kept it as often as prescribed. ⁶So couriers went throughout all Israel and Judah with letters from the king and his princes, as the king had commanded, saying, "O people of Israel, return to the Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that he may turn again to the remnant of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria. ⁷Do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who were faithless to the Lord God of their fathers, so that he made them a desolation, as you see. ⁸Do not now be stiff-necked as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the Lord and come to his sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever, and serve

the Lord your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. ⁹ For if you return to the Lord, your brothers and your children will find compassion with their captors and return to this land. For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him.”

¹⁰ So the couriers went from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, and as far as Zebulun, but they laughed them to scorn and mocked them. ¹¹ However, some men of Asher, of Manasseh, and of Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem. ¹² The hand of God was also on Judah to give them one heart to do what the king and the princes commanded by the word of the Lord.

¹³ And many people came together in Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month, a very great assembly. ¹⁴ They set to work and removed the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for burning incense they took away and threw into the brook Kidron. ¹⁵ And they slaughtered the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the second month. And the priests and the Levites were ashamed, so that they consecrated themselves and brought burnt offerings into the house of the Lord. ¹⁶ They took their accustomed posts according to the Law of Moses the man of God. The priests threw the blood that they received from the hand of the Levites. ¹⁷ For there were many in the assembly who had not consecrated themselves. Therefore the Levites had to slaughter the Passover lamb for everyone who was not clean, to consecrate it to the Lord. ¹⁸ For a majority of the people, many of them from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover otherwise than as prescribed. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, “May the good Lord pardon everyone ¹⁹ who sets his heart to seek God, the Lord, the God of his fathers, even though not according to the sanctuary's rules of cleanness.”^[a] ²⁰ And the Lord heard Hezekiah and healed the people. ²¹ And the people of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with great gladness, and the Levites and the priests praised the Lord day by day, singing with all their might^[b] to the Lord. ²² And Hezekiah spoke encouragingly to all the Levites who showed good skill in the service of the Lord. So they ate the food of the festival for seven days, sacrificing peace offerings and giving thanks to the Lord, the God of their fathers.

²³ Then the whole assembly agreed together to keep the feast for another seven days. So they kept it for another seven days with gladness. ²⁴ For Hezekiah king of Judah gave the assembly 1,000 bulls and 7,000 sheep for offerings, and the princes gave the assembly 1,000 bulls and 10,000 sheep. And the priests consecrated themselves in great numbers. ²⁵ The whole assembly of Judah, and the priests and the Levites, and the whole assembly that came out of Israel, and the sojourners who came out of the land of Israel, and the sojourners who lived in Judah,

rejoiced. ²⁶ So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem. ²⁷ Then the priests and the Levites arose and blessed the people, and their voice was heard, and their prayer came to his holy habitation in heaven.

Sermon The Joy of Renewed Worship in the Ancient Church of Israel
Rev. Bob Schmidtberger

Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith XXI

Q. Christians, what do we believe about Worship

A. V.) The reading of the Scriptures with godly fear; the sound preaching, and conscionable hearing of the Word, in obedience unto God with understanding, faith, and reverence; singing of psalms with grace in the heart; as, also, the due administration and worthy receiving of the sacraments instituted by Christ; are all parts of the ordinary religious worship of God: besides religious oaths, and vows, solemn fastings, and thanksgivings upon special occasion; which are, in their several times and seasons, to be used in an holy and religious manner.

VI.) Neither prayer, nor any other part of religious worship, is now, under the gospel, either tied unto, or made more acceptable to, any place in which it is performed, or towards which it is directed: but God is to be worshipped everywhere in spirit and in truth; as in private families daily, and in secret each one by himself, so more solemnly in the public assemblies, which are not carelessly or willfully to be neglected or forsaken, when God, by His Word or providence, calleth thereunto.

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

***Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder**

Let us love, and sing, and wonder; let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder; he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with his blood; he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears, and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with his blood; he presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down,
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown!
He, who washed us with his blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder: grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
He, who washed us with his blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high!
Here they trusted him before us; now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy Lamb of God!"

Hark! the name of Jesus sounded loud from golden harps above!
Lord, we blush, and are confounded: faint our praises, cold our love!
Wash our souls and songs with blood, for by you we come to God.

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.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow the sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below will be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me,
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,
and hung him on that judgment tree.

*I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death!
My only Savior before the Holy Judge,
The Lamb who is my righteousness, the Lamb who is my righteousness.*

I will glory in my Redeemer, my life he bought, my love he owns;
I want no longings for another, I'm satisfied in him alone.
*I will glory in my Redeemer, his faithfulness my standing place,
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
My feet are firm, held by his grace, my feet are firm, held by his grace.*

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings;
He crowns my life with lovingkindness, his triumph song I'll ever sing!
*I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold,
And when he calls me it will be paradise,
His face forever to behold, his face forever to behold! (Repeat)*

***Benediction**

***Doxology**

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

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