

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, June 18th, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

Revelation 7:9-14

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

***Worthy Is the Lamb**

Thank you for the cross, Lord, thank you for the price you paid,
Bearing all my sin and shame, in love you came and gave amazing grace.

Thank you for this love Lord, thank you for the nail pierced hands,
Washed me in your cleansing flow, now all I know, your forgiveness and embrace.

*Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne.
Crown you now with many crowns, you reign victorious,
High and lifted up, Jesus Son of God, the darling of Heaven crucified.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb!*

***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

Luke 9:57-62

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Prayer of Confession

(from *The Valley of Vision*)

LORD OF THE CLOUD AND FIRE,
I am a stranger, with a stranger's indifference;
My hands hold a pilgrim's staff,
My march is Zionward,
My eyes are toward the coming of the Lord,
My heart is in your hands without reserve.

You have created it,
Redeemed it,
Renewed it,
Captured it,
Conquered it.

Keep from it every opposing foe,
Crush in it every rebel lust,
Mortify every treacherous passion,
Annihilate every earthborn desire.

All faculties of my being desire of your touch;
I love you with soul, mind, body, and strength,
Might, spirit, affection, will,
Desire, intellect, understanding.
You are the very perfection of all perfections;

Compared with you the sun is darkness,
All beauty deformity,
All wisdom folly,
The best goodness faulty.
You are worthy of an adoration greater than
My dull heart can yield;
Invigorate my love that it may rise worthily to you,
Tightly interweave itself round you,
Be allured by you.
Then shall my walk be endless praise.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 25:34

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

***Onward, Christian Soldiers**

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before:
Christ the royal Master leads against the foe;
forward into battle, see, his banners go.

*Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.*

At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee;
on then, Christian soldiers, on to victory:
hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise;
brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise. *Refrain*

Like a mighty army moves the church of God;
brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;
we are not divided, all one body we,
one in hope and doctrine, one in charity. *Refrain*

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
but the church of Jesus constant will remain;
gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail;
we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail. *Refrain*

Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng,
blend with ours your voices in the triumph song;
glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King;
this through countless ages men and angels sing. *Refrain*

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Acts 8:1-8

And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³ But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

⁴ Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. ⁶ And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was much joy in that city.

Sermon

The Bad News and the Good News

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Sermon Outline

I. The Bad News of _____ from Saul

II. The Good News of _____ from Philip

***Confession of Faith**

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

***Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer!
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.

Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven.
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released; I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home,
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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.

O Church, Arise

O church, arise and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!" reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which he died—an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.

Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain.
*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. *Refrain*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day, with its shadows o'er me. *Refrain*

Near the cross I'll watch and wait hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand, just beyond the river. *Refrain*

***Benediction**

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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