

# Lord's Day Worship

March 14, 2021

## Call to Worship

Isaiah 66.10-14; 61.10

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; that you may nurse and be satisfied...that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance. Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river...so I will comfort you;...You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice...

*I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

## Hymn of Adoration

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus 481

Refrain: Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
look full in his wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace.

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
and life more abundant and free! [Refrain]

Through death into life everlasting  
he passed, and we follow him there;  
over us sin no more hath dominion-  
for more than conqu'rors we are! [Refrain]

His Word shall not fail you- he promised;  
believe him, and all will be well:  
then go to a world that is dying,  
his perfect salvation to tell! [Refrain]

## Prayer of Invocation

## Call to Confession

Isaiah 66.1-2

Heaven is my throne,  
and the earth is my footstool;  
what is the house that you would build for me,  
and what is the place of my rest?  
All these things my hand has made,  
and so all these things came to be,  
declares the LORD.  
But this is the one to whom I will look:  
he who is humble and contrite in spirit  
and trembles at my word.

## Prayer of Confession

*Heavenly Father, we have been wise in our own eyes in loving you and loving our neighbor. We have believed we could rely on our own instincts, and our own strength, rather than depend upon the light that comes only from you. We have walked in darkness without knowing it — in secrets, in self-deception, in serving our idols. We have given ourselves over to dark thoughts and words, rather than walk in your light and reflect it to the world as you deserve and it needs. Have mercy on us and renew us in your grace, that we may take up our cross and walk as children of light in the wisdom of your word, and the humility of your Son, for apart from him we can do nothing. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

## Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5.1-2, 6-8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God....For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## Hymn of Praise

I Need Thee Every Hour 674

I need thee ev'ry hour,  
most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine  
can peace afford.

Refrain: I need thee, O I need thee,  
ev'ry hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to thee.

I need thee ev'ry hour;  
stay thou near by;  
temptations lose their pow'r  
when thou art nigh. [Refrain]

I need thee ev'ry hour,  
in joy or pain;  
come quickly, and abide,  
or life is vain. [Refrain]

I need thee ev'ry hour;  
teach me thy will,  
and thy rich promises  
in me fulfil. [Refrain]

I need thee ev'ry hour,  
Most Holy One;  
O make me thine indeed,  
thou blessed Son. [Refrain]

## Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## **Song of Trust**

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus: Behold our God seated on His throne, come let us adore Him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare, come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the one who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds? [Chorus]

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign [Chorus]

Bridge: You will reign forever!  
Let Your glory fill the earth  
You will reign forever!  
Let your glory fill the earth  
You will reign forever!  
Let your glory fill the earth  
You will reign forever!  
Let your glory fill [Chorus]

## **Sermon** "Grace Covenant: Gracious Living for Ambassadors of Grace" Romans 12

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in

spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

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.

### **Confession of Faith**

2 Corinthians 5.14-15, 17-20

*For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised....The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.*

### **Song of Response**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

**Benediction**

Romans 15.5, 6

*May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Response**

*Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Alleluia. Amen.*



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*...loving God and worshipping Him as we impact our area  
by teaching and discipling people for Jesus Christ.*