

# Lord's Day Worship

July 19, 2020

## Opening

from Psalm 34

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

*I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD!*

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

*I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed....The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.*

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

*The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.*

## Hymn of Adoration

All Creatures of Our God and King 115

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise Him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!.

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,,  
that givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise Him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!.

And all ye men of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care,

O praise him, O praise Him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!.

Let all things their Creator bless,,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise him, O praise Him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!.

## Opening Prayer

### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 8.11-15; 28.16-17; 43.18-21

For the LORD spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: "Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken....

thus says the LORD God,

"Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion,  
a stone, a tested stone,  
a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation:  
'Whoever believes will not be in haste.'  
And I will make justice the line,  
and righteousness the plumb line;  
and hail will sweep away the refuge of lies,...

Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.  
Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
The wild beasts will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise.

## Confession of Sin

*Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich, and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor in spirit. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. Fill us with a passion for your holiness. Form us by your love and make our hearts fervent for your worship, our communion with one another, and your mission to the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Assurance of Pardon

from John 10.7-29

“Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep....If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture....I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep....I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep....No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father....My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.”

## Song of Praise

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.

Chorus: He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour 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. [Chorus]

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! [Chorus]

## Prayers of Thanksgiving, Supplication & 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.*

### Sermon

"A Temple Ministry in the Wilderness"

1 Peter 2.4-10

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,"

and

"A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### Confession of Faith

2 Corinthians 2.14-17; 5.20

*...thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life....we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as people of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ....we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.*

### Hymn of Response

O Worship the King 2

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;  
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,  
whom angels delight to worship above!  
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,  
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

**Benediction**

2 Thessalonians 2.16-17

*Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father,  
who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,  
comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.*

**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.*



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