

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 18, 2020

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing

Responsive Reading

Psalm 44:1-8 (p. 801)

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A MASKIL OF THE SONS OF KORAH.

We have heard with our ears, O God; our fathers have told us what you did in their days, in days long ago.

With your hand you drove out the nations and planted our fathers;

you crushed the peoples and made our fathers flourish.

It was not by their sword that they won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory;

it was your right hand, your arm, and the light of your face, for you loved them.

You are my King and my God, who decrees victories for Jacob.

Through you we push back our enemies; through your name we trample our foes.

I do not trust in my bow, my sword does not bring me victory;

but you give us victory over our enemies, you put our adversaries to shame.

In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise your name forever.

Hymn of Preparation

Hymn 75

O Father, You Are Sovereign

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made;
Your mighty Word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man;
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,
You hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil over-ruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose—our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now,
But soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Our sovereign heavenly Father, we humble ourselves now in your presence and confess that we have sinned against you and others.

All: We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. All the wrongs that we have done are not hidden from you.

Leader: Our sins and failures weigh heavy on our hearts, and we feel how our fellowship with you has suffered. Forgive us and restore us, we pray, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who loves us and gave himself for us.

All: All praise, honor, glory, and power be to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Revelation 1:5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 6

Congregational Response

Hymn 468

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever-living One, his wounds for me shall plead.

*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out.

*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.*

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God:
Salvation by my Savior's name, salvation thro' his blood.

*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;
For me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.

*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me. Amen.*

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 88. *What are the outward means by which Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?*

A. The outward and ordinary means by which Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all of which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

Q. 89. *How is the Word made effectual to salvation?*

A. The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith to salvation.

Q. 90. *How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?*

A. That the Word may become effectual to salvation we must attend to it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love; lay it up in our hearts; and practice it in our lives.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Gloria Patri

Hymn 735

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. Amen, amen.

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.

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading

Matthew 26:36-56

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [from Psalm 92:1-9, 12-15]) Hymn 635 (*music on pg. 6*)

How Good It Is to Thank the Lord

How good it is to thank the Lord,
And praise to you, Most High, accord,
To show your love with morning light,
And tell your faithfulness each night;
Yea, good it is your praise to sing,
And all our sweetest music bring.

O Lord, with joy my heart expands
Before the wonders of your hands;
Great works, Jehovah, you have wrought,
Exceeding deep your ev'ry thought;
A foolish man knows not their worth,
Nor he whose mind is of the earth.

When as the grass the wicked grow,
When sinners flourish here below,
Then is there endless ruin nigh,
But you, O Lord, are throned on high;
Your foes shall fall before your might,
The wicked shall be put to flight.

The righteous man shall flourish well,
And in the house of God shall dwell;
He shall be like a goodly tree,
And all his life shall fruitful be;
For righteous is the Lord and just,
He is my rock, in him I trust. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Glorify God, and Enjoy Him Forever”
John 12:27-30

1. “Now is my soul troubled.” (v. 27)
Hebrews 5:7-10

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.” (John 14:1)
Jesus was victorious over the thing that is most troubling: the wrath of God for sin.
We can now bring our troubles to the Father, in the Son, and by the Holy Spirit.

2. “Father, glorify your name!” (v. 28)

Jesus has made us children of the Father, so we can now glorify God in our obedience.
1 Corinthians 10:31

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 1: What is the chief end of man?
Answer: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Hymn 308

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.

*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.*

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim—
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.*

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow. Amen.*

Benediction

Congregational Benediction Response

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.

How Good It Is to Thank the Lord

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It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High. Ps. 92:1

1. How good it is to thank the Lord, and praise to you, Most
 2. O Lord, with joy my heart ex - pands be - fore the won - ders
 3. When as the grass the wick - ed grow, when sin - ners flour - ish
 4. The righ - teous man shall flour - ish well, and in the house of

High, ac - cord, to show your love with morn - ing light, and
 of your hands; great works, Je - ho - vah, you have wrought, ex -
 here be - low, then is there end - less ru - in nigh, but
 God shall dwell; he shall be like a good - ly tree, and

tell your faith - ful - ness each night; yea, good it is your
 ceed - ing deep your ev - 'ry thought; a fool - ish man knows
 you, O Lord, are throned on high; your foes shall fall be -
 all his life shall fruit - ful be; for righ - teous is the

praise to sing, and all our sweet - est mu - sic bring.
 not their worth, nor he whose mind is of the earth.
 fore your might, the wick - ed shall be put to flight.
 Lord and just, he is my rock, in him I trust.

From Psalm 92:1-9, 12-15
The Psalter, 1912; mod.

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 Dmitri Bortniansky, 1825

LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

While John the Evangelist does not record Jesus' agonizing prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane before his arrest, John does record Jesus saying, "Now is my soul troubled," (John 12:27) during the final week of his earthly ministry. The word "troubled" is a strong verb that describes revulsion, horror, anxiety, and agitation. J.C. Ryle explains the source of what troubled the Lord Jesus:

This sentence implies a sudden, strong mental agony, which came over our Lord, troubling, distressing, and harassing him. What was it from? Not from the mere foresight of a painful death on the cross, and the bodily suffering attending it. No doubt human nature, even when sinless, naturally revolts from pain and suffering. Yet mere bodily pain has been endured for weeks by many a martyr, and even by heathen fanatics...without a groan or a murmur. No! It was the weight of the world's imputed sin laid upon our Lord's head, which pressed him downward, and made him cry, "Now is my soul troubled." It was the sense of the whole burden of man's transgression imputed to him, which, as he drew near to the cross, weighed him down so tremendously. It was not his bodily sufferings, either anticipated or felt, but our sins, which here, at Gethsemane, and at Calvary, agonized and racked his soul.

1. Read Matthew 26:36-46 and note the similarities between Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane and what Jesus says in John 12:27-28. What do these passages reveal about Jesus' human and divine natures?
2. What does Jesus mean when he says, "But for this purpose I have come to this hour," in John 12:27? Consider these words in light of the following passages: John 5:19-24; 6:37-40; Hebrews 5:7-10. How does reflecting on Jesus' obedience in his life and in his death give you comfort in this life and assurance of eternal life?
3. What does it mean to glorify God? How did Jesus glorify God according to John 12:28?

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.
Use our church directory to pray for an individual or family each day.*

Monday, October 19

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:1 - 34:22; 1 Timothy 4:1-16; Psalm 89:1-13; Proverbs 25:23-24

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 25

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

Tuesday, October 20

Scripture: Jeremiah 35:1 - 36:32; 1 Timothy 5:1-25; Psalm 89:14-37; Prov. 25:25-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 21

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

Wednesday, October 21

Scripture: Jeremiah 37:1 - 38:28; 1 Timothy 6:1-21; Psalm 89:38-52; Proverbs 25:28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 22

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.
The churches in Zambia and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, October 22

Scripture: Jeremiah 39:1 - 41:18; 2 Timothy 1:1-18; Psalm 90:1 - 91:16; Prov. 26:1-2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 23

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

Friday, October 23

Scripture: Jeremiah 42:1 - 44:23; 2 Timothy 2:1-21; Psalm 92:1 - 93:5; Proverbs 26:3-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 24

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health needs.

Saturday, October 24

Scripture: Jeremiah 44:24 - 47:7; 2 Timothy 2:22 - 3:17; Psalm 94:1-23; Prov. 26:6-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 25

Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

Sunday, October 25

Scripture: Jeremiah 48:1 - 49:22; 2 Timothy 4:1-22; Psalm 95:1 - 96:13; Prov. 26:9-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 26

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

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*Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain
and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.*

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