

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 21, 2021

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

Acts 17:24-25

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 8 (p. 786)

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise,

because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**what is man that you are mindful of him,
the son of man that you care for him?**

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

**You made him ruler over the works of your hands;
you put everything under his feet:**

all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air,
and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

* *Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Our God and Father, thank you for the loving kindness you have shown us in Jesus Christ. While we were still sinners, he died for us.

All: We thank you also for your daily provision of food, comfort, and safety. We give you praise for the bounty of your gifts and the ability we have to diligently work with our hands.

Leader: We confess that we have sinned and been ungrateful. Forgive us for often desiring more than what it has pleased you to provide. Forgive us for our jealousy and covetousness, and for the anxiety we feel when we forget your fatherly goodness toward us.

All: As we consider your good gifts to us this morning, cause us to have a renewed thankfulness for our spiritual and earthly blessings, for we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Psalm 22

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

(printed on p.12)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come!"
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
His family is my own—
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
The path before the crown—
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride!
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 1. *What is the chief end of man?*

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q. 2. *What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?*

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Q. 3. *What do the Scriptures principally teach?*

A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Doxology*

Hymn 732

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. 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*

Luke 15:11-32

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [from Psalm 13])

Hymn 641

How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me

How long wilt thou forget me,
O Lord, thou God of grace?
How long shall fears beset me,
While darkness hides thy face?
How long shall griefs distress me
And turn my day to night?
How long shall foes oppress me
And triumph in their might?

O Lord my God, behold me,
And hear my earnest cries;
Lest sleep of death enfold me,
Enlighten thou mine eyes;
Lest now my foe insulting
Should boast of his success,
And enemies exulting
Rejoice in my distress.

But I with expectation
Have on thy grace relied;
My heart in thy salvation
Shall still with joy confide;
And I with voice of singing
Will praise the Lord above,
Who, richest bounties bringing,
Has dealt with me in love. Amen.

Reception of New Members

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Jesus Took Away Our Guilt and Shame”
John 19:23-27

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 116

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow’r, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely giv’n,
Graces human and divine, flow’rs of earth and buds of heav’n,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to TRINITY)

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore. Amen.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.

Monday, November 22

Scripture: Ezekiel 44:1 - 45:12; 1 Peter 1:1-12; Psalm 119:17-32; Proverbs 28:8-10

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 16

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

Tuesday, November 23

Scripture: Ezekiel 45:13 - 46:24; 1 Peter 1:13 - 2:10; Psalm 119:33-48; Proverbs 28:11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 42

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

Wednesday, November 24

Scripture: Ezekiel 47:1 - 48:35; 1 Peter 2:11 - 3:7; Psalm 119:49-64; Proverbs 28:12-13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 43

Pray for: Our covenant children, and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Côte d'Ivoire and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, November 25

Scripture: Daniel 1:1 - 2:23; 1 Peter 3:8 - 4:6; Psalm 119:65-80; Proverbs 28:14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 44

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

Friday, November 26

Scripture: Daniel 2:24 - 3:30; 1 Peter 4:7 - 5:14; Psalm 119:81-96; Proverbs 28:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 45

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.

Our pregnant mom.

Saturday, November 27

Scripture: Daniel 4:1-37; 2 Peter 1:1-21; Psalm 119:97-112; Proverbs 28:17-18

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 46

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

Sunday, November 28

Scripture: Daniel 5:1-31; 2 Peter 2:1-22; Psalm 119:113-128; Proverbs 28:19-20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 47

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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LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

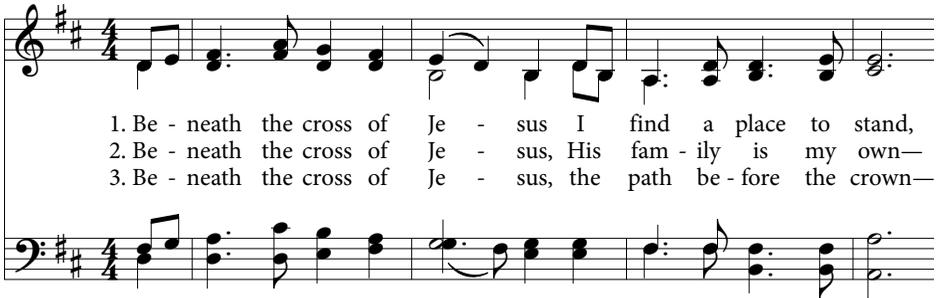
The description of Jesus' crucifixion in the gospels can be difficult to read because of the pain and suffering Jesus experienced. He is our Lord, the one whom we love above all, and he was brutalized and killed by sinful men. There is an additional aspect to his suffering that adds to our sadness of what he experienced: Jesus was humiliated during his crucifixion. He was mocked and ridiculed by the Roman soldiers, by the crowds in Jerusalem, by the religious leaders, and even by the two thieves crucified with him. What we see in the gospels is that on the cross, Jesus not only bore the guilt of our sin, but also the shame of it. Burk Parsons writes in *Tabletalk Magazine*:

Jesus Christ redeemed us not only from his wrath and hell in the future but from having to wallow in the mire of guilt and shame in the present. Jesus promised us not only eternal life in the future, but abundant life that begins in the present. Jesus lived and died not only for the guilt of our sin but for the shame of our sin. He endured the cross, despising its shame, so that we would not have to wallow in shame. Our Lord calls us to bring our shame to him, whereas Satan wants us to bear the constant weight of our shame and wallow in it for the rest of our lives. But if we live each day bearing the shame of yesterday, and we are worried about the shame of tomorrow, we will never experience the joys of abundant life in Christ today. Therefore, let us lift our weary eyes from gazing upon our shame and fix our eyes on Christ, the author and finisher of our faith.

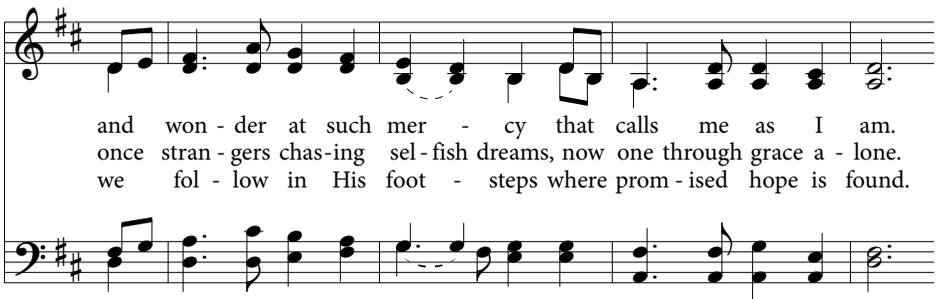
1. Review last Sunday's sermon text from John 19:16-22. How does John present Jesus as our Priest and Sacrifice? How does he present Jesus as our King?
2. Read John 19:23-24. Why did the soldiers cast lots for Jesus' clothes? How does what they did reveal God's sovereign providence?
3. Read Psalm 22. How is Jesus' suffering prophesied in this psalm? How does Jesus' suffering reveal that he took away both our guilt and our shame on the cross?
4. Why is it important for us to understand that Jesus bore both the guilt and shame of our sins on the cross? In what ways can shame both help and hinder us in the Christian life? How would you counsel a Christian who was struggling with the shame of their sins?
5. Why did Jesus create the lasting bond between John and his mother, Mary? How does it reveal his care for his mother and his obedience to the law (especially the fifth commandment)?

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross... Colossians 1:19-20



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I find a place to stand,
2. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, His fam - ily is my own—
3. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the crown—



and won - der at such mer - cy that calls me as I am.
once stran - gers chas - ing sel - fish dreams, now one through grace a - lone.
we fol - low in His foot - steps where prom - ised hope is found.



For hands that should dis - card me hold wounds which tell me, "Come!"
How could I now dis - hon - or the ones that You have loved?
How great the joy be - fore us to be His per - fect bride!



Be - neath the cross of Je - sus my un - wor - thy soul is won.
Be - neath the cross of Je - sus see the chil - dren called by God.
Be - neath the cross of Je - sus we will glad - ly live our lives.

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