

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
Zechariah 9:9

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing

Responsive Reading

Psalm 23 (p. 791 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

A PSALM OF DAVID.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he restores my soul.**

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

**You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Hymn of Preparation

Hymn 235

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present:
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Gracious God and Father, we confess that you are holy and perfect. We feel unworthy to enter into your presence because we again have failed to keep all your commandments.

All: Our sins are shameful to us and offensive to you. All the wrongs that we have done are not hidden from you. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Cause us to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: We praise you for the assurance we have of forgiveness through the blood of our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading

Deuteronomy 5:6-21; Matthew 22:34-40

Congregational Response

Hymn 182

My Song Is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow;
But men cared not, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet all his deeds their hatred feeds; they 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet willing he to suff'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
In death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home, but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 19. *What is the misery of that estate into which man fell?*

A. All mankind, by their fall, lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

Q. 20. *Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?*

A. God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

Q. 21. *Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?*

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man, in two distinct natures, and one Person forever.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Tithes and Offerings

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

Psalm 107

Congregational Response

Hymn 650

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer, and his wondrous love to me:
On the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.
*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.*

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
In his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave.
*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.*

I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
How the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell.
*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.*

I will sing of my Redeemer and his heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be.
*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free. Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer (based on Psalm 138)

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Lord of All Creation”
John 6:16-21

1. He Ordains the Storm

Exodus 16:4-5
John 5:19-20
Matthew 14:22-24; Mark 6:45-48
Romans 5:3-4

2. He Is Present with Us in the Storm

Psalm 139:7-12
Matthew 28:20
Ezekiel 36:26-27
Matthew 14:26-33

3. He Is Lord Over the Storm

Exodus 3:14
Exodus 14:21-22
Job 9:1-8
Psalm 107:23-32

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Hymn 307

Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing this I see—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea—nothing but the blood of Jesus.
*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Nothing can for sin atone—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done—nothing but the blood of Jesus.
*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

This is all my hope and peace—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness—nothing but the blood of Jesus.
*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Now by this I'll overcome—nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Now by this I'll reach my home—nothing but the blood of Jesus.
*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus. Amen.*

Benediction

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit, be to God and God alone!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One in Three and Three in One. Amen.

LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

Christ, our King, rules over not just a small nation, but he rules over all of creation. By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is the Lord of all creation. Christ is also Lord of the Church. As the Lord of the Church, Christ preserves, protects, and directs the Church, his elect people, for his glory and our good. Jared Wilson, in his book, *The Wonder-Working God: Seeing the Glory of Jesus in His Miracles*, writes:

We serve a far better God than all the false gods, and not just because he's real. All the gods of the world promise health, wealth, and satisfaction, *and then don't even deliver it*. Our God may take us through a fire, but we will come out refined. He may take us through a storm, but we will come out washed. He may ask us to take up our crosses in this life, but he will deliver us safe and sound for all eternity. The miracles that demonstrate Jesus' control of the natural world—his command of food and wine, of fish and fig trees, of waters and winds—reveal Christ as sovereign Lord, as master of the universe, as maker and therefore commander of the laws of nature. The glory these miracles reveal is that of the Creator God come to bend creation back to order. Today, the Spirit of God is roaming the earth, seeking whom he may revive, opening eyes and hearts to behold the glory of the risen Son, who commands the earth from his place seated next to his Father. He is making all things new, and he's doing it from his throne.

1. For review, read John 6:1-15 and James 1:12-15. What is the difference between testing and temptation? Why is it important for us to know the difference, and especially to be able to recognize the source of each in our lives?
2. Read John 6:16-21. What do you think Jesus was teaching his disciples through this storm?
3. Read Romans 5:1-5. How does God use the storms (difficulties and sufferings) in our lives to sanctify us? What are some storms you can recall experiencing that, looking back, you now see how God used them for your good and his glory? Can you think of any examples from Scripture that illustrate this?
4. Read Psalm 139:7-12. What comfort do you draw from knowing that God is omnipresent? What assurance did Jesus give his disciples in Matthew 28:16-20?
5. Read Colossians 1:15-17. What words and phrases does the Apostle Paul use to describe Christ's lordship over all creation?
6. Review the Scripture readings connected with the third point of the sermon. What did Jesus' walking on the water reveal about his true identity?
7. Read John 6:14-15 and Deuteronomy 18:15-18. Why did the people identify Jesus as the Prophet? Why did he refuse to allow them to make him king?
8. In preparation for next week, read John 6:22-59. How do you think this passage connects with the feeding of the 5,000?

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, April 6

Scripture: Deut. 29:1 - 30:20; Luke 11:37 - 12:7; Psalm 78:1-31; Prov. 12:19-20

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 30

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

Tuesday, April 7

Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:1 - 32:27; Luke 12:8-34; Psalm 78:32-55; Prov. 12:21-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 67

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

Wednesday, April 8

Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:28-52; Luke 12:35-59; Psalm 78:56-64; Proverbs 12:24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 68

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Tajikistan and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, April 9

Scripture: Deuteronomy 33:1-29; Luke 13:1-21; Psalm 78:65-72; Proverbs 12:25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 69

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

Friday, April 10

Scripture: Deut. 34:1 - Joshua 2:24; Luke 13:22 - 14:6; Psalm 79:1-13; Prov. 12:26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 70

Pray for: Our pregnant mom and for our members who have ongoing health needs.

Saturday, April 11

Scripture: Joshua 3:1 - 4:24; Luke 14:7-35; Psalm 80:1-19; Proverbs 12:27-28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 71

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

Sunday, April 12

Scripture: Joshua 5:1 - 7:15; Luke 15:1-32; Psalm 81:1-16; Proverbs 13:1

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 72

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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