



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
MARCH 8, 2020 at 9:30 AM

The worship of the Triune God is a person's most important duty. We are told in John 4:23-24 that God is seeking those who will worship Him in spirit and truth. As you prepare for today's worship service, purpose to be a participant and not a spectator. Join in the praise of the congregational singing (even if the song is unfamiliar), and in the joyful giving of tithes and offerings; pray along with the elders, adding your "Amen" (signifying your agreement with the petition, confession of sin, or adoration), and carefully listen to God Himself speaking through the reading and preaching of His Word. May our sovereign Lord receive glory today as you actively worship Him in the way that He has prescribed.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Please use this time to set your hearts on Christ and pray for the Word, our worship, and that holiness and reverence will be known among us.

"Psalm 42:1-4" Choir
Arr. Westra/Goudimel

As the hart, about to falter, in its trembling agony, longs for flowing streams of water, so, O God, I long for Thee. Yes, athirst for Thee I cry; God of life, O when shall I come again to stand before Thee in Thy temple and adore Thee.

Bitter tears of lamentation are my food by night and day. In my deep humiliation "Where is now your God?" they say. Oh, my souls poured out in me, when I bring to memory how the throngs I would assemble, shouting praises in Thy temple.

Call to Worship Psalm 146:10

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Psalm of Praise* "Praise the Lord" #146B
Psalms for Worship

Invocation*

Confession of Faith Psalm 69:14-28

Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.

Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me.

Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good; according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

Hide not Your face from Your servant; for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.

Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies!

You know my reproach, and my shame and my dishonor; my foes are all known to You.

Reproaches have broken my heart, so that I am in despair.

I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none.

They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.

Let their own table before them become a snare; and when they are at peace, let it become a trap.

Let their eyes be darkened, so that they cannot see, and make their loins tremble continually.

Pour out Your indignation upon them, and let Your burning anger overtake them.

May their camp be a desolation; let no one dwell in their tents.

For they persecute him whom You have struck down, and they recount the pain of those You have wounded.

Add to them punishment upon punishment; may they have no acquittal from You.

Let them be blotted out of the book of the living; let them not be enrolled among the righteous.

Preparation for Confession of Sin Romans 3:19, 20

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Zechariah 3:3, 4

Now Joshua (the high priest) was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments."

Hymn of Thanks* "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ" #524
Trinity Hymnal

Giving of Tithes and Offerings
(Please fill out the fellowship pads at this time and pass them down the aisle)

Offertory "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners" String Ensemble
Arr. Chapman/Harkness

Prayer of Response

Scripture Reading* Isaiah 6:8-13; 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

Hymn of Preparation* "Am I a Soldier of the Cross"
Words: Isaac Watts (1724); Tune: DUNDEE (Scottish Psalter, 1615)

Am I a soldier of the cross, a foll'wer of the Lamb, and shall I fear to own his cause, or blush to speak his name?

Must I be carried to the skies on flow'ry beds of ease, while others fought to win the prize, and sailed through bloody seas?

Are there no foes for me to face? Must I not stem the flood? Is this vile world a friend to grace, to help me on to God?

Sure I must fight if I would reign: increase my courage, Lord; I'll bear the toil, endure the pain, supported by thy Word.

Thy saints, in all this glorious war, shall conquer, though they die; they view the triumph from afar, and seize it with their eye.

When that illustrious day shall rise, and all thine armies shine in robes of vict'ry through the skies, the glory shall be thine.

Preaching of God's Word Pastor Aaron Myers

"The Book of Acts (XVI): Christian Persecution (Part 2)"
Acts 4:13-22

Hymn of Affirmation* "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" #571
Trinity Hymnal

Benediction* 2 Peter 3:18

Postlude*

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