

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

April 12, 2020

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. —Psalm 29:2

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

► CALL TO WORSHIP

REVELATION 1:12-18

Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me.

And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,
and in the midst of the seven lampstands

One like the Son of Man,
clothed with a garment down to the feet
and girded about the chest with a golden band.

His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow,
and His eyes like a flame of fire;

His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace,
and His voice as the sound of many waters;

He had in His right hand seven stars,
out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword,
and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead.

But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me,

“Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

I am He who lives, and was dead,
and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.
And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.”

► INVOCATION

► HYMN OF PRAISE

Worship Christ, the Risen King

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Rise, Oh church, and lift your voices,
Christ has conquered death and hell.

Sing as all the earth rejoices;
resurrection anthems swell.

Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him,
empty now, its mouth declares:
“Death and I could not contain him,
for the throne of life he shares.”
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble,
see the stone removed with pow'r;
all hell's minions may assemble,
but cannot withstand his hour.

He has conquered, he has conquered,
Christ the Lord, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur,
scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
but the truth proclaims a wonder
thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!

We acclaim your life, Oh Jesus,
now we sing your victory;
sin or hell may seek to seize us,
but your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph,
worship Christ, the risen King!

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, I sin –

Grant that I may never cease grieving because of it,
never be content with myself.

Kill my envy, command my tongue,
defeat my self-will.

Deliver me from attachment to things unclean,
from wrong associations,
from evil passions,
from the sugar of sin as well as its gall.

Give me grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable,
to live for you and not for myself,
to be transformed into your likeness,
to be committed wholly to you,
to live completely for your glory.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ROMANS 7:4-6

Therefore, my brethren,

you also have become dead to the law
through the body of Christ,
that you may be married to another—
to Him who was raised from the dead,
that we should bear fruit to God.

For when we were in the flesh,
the sinful passions which were aroused by the law
were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.
But now we have been delivered from the law,
having died to what we were held by,
so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit
and not in the oldness of the letter.

▶ HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 277

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav’ns and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, Oh death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, Oh grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv’n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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**Q. What are the benefits which in this life
do accompany or flow from
justification, adoption, and sanctification?**

A. The benefits which in this life
do accompany or flow from
justification, adoption, and sanctification, are,

assurance of God' s love, peace of conscience,
joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace,
and perseverance therein to the end.

Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

- A. The souls of believers are at their death
made perfect in holiness,
and do immediately pass into glory;
and their bodies, being still united to Christ,
do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.

**Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ
at the resurrection?**

- A. At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory,
shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted
in the day of judgment,
and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God,
to all eternity.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

- **DOXOLOGY** 733

PASTORAL PRAYER

- **HYMN** Up from the Grave He Arose 276

Low in the grave he lay— Jesus, my Savior,
waiting the coming day— Jesus, my Lord.

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed— Jesus, my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead— Jesus, my Lord.

Death cannot keep his prey— Jesus, my Savior;
he tore the bars away— Jesus, my Lord.

SCRIPTURE

PSALM 26:1-28:9

SERMON

"IF CHRIST IS NOT RAISED"

- **HYMN OF RESPONSE** Thine Be the Glory 274

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love:
bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.

- **BENEDICTION**

Psalm 26

David's

1. Judge me, Yahweh,
Because, for my part,
I have walked in my integrity
And in Yahweh I have trusted:
I have not slipped up!
2. Test me, Yahweh,
And try me;
Assay my feelings and my heart,
3. For your committed love is before my eyes,
And I constantly walk about in your truth.
4. I have not sat with men of falsehood,
And I do not go along with those with hidden motives.
5. I have hated the assembly of evil doers,
And with the wicked I do not sit.
6. I wash my hands in innocence,
And I go around your altar, Yahweh,
7. To make people hear the voice of thanksgiving,
And to recount all your wonders.
8. Yahweh, I have loved the dwellingplace of your house,
The place of the abode of your glory.
9. Do not collect up my soul with sinners,
Nor with bloodguilty men my life,
10. In whose hands is scheming,
And their right hand is full of bribes.
11. And for my part, I will walk in my integrity.
Ransom me, and grant me your grace.
12. My foot has taken its stand on a level place.
In the great gathering I will bless you.

Psalm 27

David's

1. Yahweh is my light and my salvation:
Whom should I fear?
Yahweh is the fortress of my life:
Whom should I dread?
2. When evildoers come near against me,
To eat my flesh –
My adversaries and my enemies –
It is they who are doomed to stumble and fall.
3. Should an army camp against me,
My heart will not fear;
Should war arise against me,
In spite of this I remain trusting.
4. One thing I have asked from Yahweh:
That is what I keep seeking:
That I may live in Yahweh's house
All the days of my life –
To gaze at the delightfulness of Yahweh,
And to search things out in his temple.
5. For he will hide me in his booth
In the evil day;
He will cover me with the covering of his tent;
On a rock he will raise me high.
6. And now my head will be high,
Above my enemies around me.
And I will sacrifice in his tent
Sacrifices with loud shouting:
I will sing,
And I will make music to Yahweh.

7. Hear, Yahweh!
With my voice I keep crying out.
Grant me your grace, and answer me.
8. To you my heart has said –
‘Seek my face!’
‘Your face, Yahweh, I will seek.’
9. Do not cover your face from me!
Do not turn your servant away in exasperation!
You have been my help.
Do not leave me!
And do not forsake me,
God of my salvation.
10. When even my father and my mother have forsaken me,
It is Yahweh who gathers me in.
11. Teach me, Yahweh, your way,
And guide me along a level path
Because of those hostile to me.
12. Do not give me over to the desire of my adversaries,
For those who bear witness to a lie have risen against me,
Each puffing out violence.
13. Would that I had believed to see Yahweh’s goodness
In the land of the living!
14. Wait for Yahweh!
Be strong,
And he will empower your heart!
Wait for Yahweh!

Psalm 28

David’s

1. To you, Yahweh, I keep calling out.
My Rock,

- Do not turn in deafness from me,
Lest you turn in silence from me,
And I be like those going down into the Pit.
2. Hear the voice of my plea for grace,
When I cry to you for help,
When I lift up my hands to the shrine of your holiness.
3. Do not drag me away with the wicked and with the trouble-
makers,
Who speak peace with their fellow-men
While evil is in their heart.
4. Give to them according to their deeds,
And according to the evil of their doings,
According to the work of their hands give to them;
Bring back to them their full recompense.
5. For they never discern Yahweh’s deeds,
Nor the work of his hands.
He will demolish them and not build them up.
6. Blessed be Yahweh,
For he has heard the voice of my plea for grace:
7. Yahweh, my strength and my shield.
In him my heart has trusted,
And I am continually helped.
My heart celebrates
And with my song I keep thanking him.
8. Yahweh! – strength belongs to him,
And he is a fortress of full salvation for his anointed.
9. Oh do save your people,
And bless your inheritance.
Shepherd them,
And carry them for ever.