

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

April 26, 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

PSALM 86:11-13

Teach me Your way, O Lord;
I will walk in Your truth;
Unite my heart to fear Your name.
I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
And I will glorify Your name forevermore.
For great is Your mercy toward me,
And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

▶ INVOCATION

▶ HYMN OF INVOCATION

Be Thou My Vision

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
raise thou me heav'nward, O pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun!
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O changeless and holy God, hear us as we pray.

Of all hypocrites, grant that I may not be an
evangelical hypocrite,
who sins more safely because grace abounds,
who tells his lusts that
Christ's blood cleanses them,
who reasons that God cannot cast him into hell,
for he is saved,
who loves evangelical preaching,
churches,
Christians,
but lives unholy.

Forgive me

when I have *presumed upon* your grace,
rather than *lived in* your grace
and *by the power of* your grace.
Hear our silent confession, Oh Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

And if you call on the Father,

1 PETER 1:17-21

who without partiality judges according to each one's work,
conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;
knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things,
like silver or gold,
from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,
but with the precious blood of Christ,
as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.
He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world,
but was manifest in these last times
for you who through Him believe in God,
who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory,
so that your faith and hope are in God.

▶ HYMN OF ASSURANCE A Debtor to Mercy Alone 463

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing;
nor fear, with your righteousness on, my person and off'ring to bring.
The terrors of law and of God with me can have nothing to do;
my Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which his goodness began, the arm of his strength will complete;
his promise is yea and amen, and never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now, nor all things below or above,
can make him his purpose forgo, or sever my soul from his love.

My name from the palms of his hands eternity will not erase;
impressed on his heart it remains, in marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure, as sure as the earnest is giv'n;
more happy, but not more secure, the glorified spirits in heav'n.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I with body and soul, both in life and death,
am not my own,
but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ;
who, with his precious blood,
has fully satisfied for all my sins,
and delivered me from all the power of the devil;
and so preserves me
that without the will of my heavenly Father,
not a hair can fall from my head;
yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation,
and therefore, by his Holy Spirit,
He also assures me of eternal life,
and makes me sincerely willing and ready,
henceforth, to live unto him.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

▶ DOXOLOGY 733

PASTORAL PRAYER

▶ HYMN Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross 264

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all—a healing stream—flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

SCRIPTURE

PSALM 30:1-12

SERMON

"GRACE BUYS SONS, NOT SLAVES"

► HYMN OF RESPONSE Redeemed! How I Love to Proclaim It 701

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
redeemed through his infinite mercy,
his child, and forever, I am.

**Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through his infinite mercy, his child, and forever I am.**

Redeemed and so happy in Jesus, no language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of his presence with me doth continually dwell.

I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent; his love is the theme of my song.

► BENEDICTION

Psalm 30

A song. A hymn at the dedication of the house. David's

1. I will exalt you, Yahweh,
For you have drawn me up,
And you have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
2. Yahweh, my God, I cried out to you for help,
And you healed me.
3. Yahweh, you brought my soul up from Sheol;
You have quickened me so that I should not go down to the pit.
4. Make music to Yahweh,
You who are his beloved,
And give thanks to the reminder of his holiness,
5. For there is but a moment in his exasperation,
And lifetime in his favor;
In the evening weeping may stay overnight,
But, in the morning, joyful shouting!
6. As for me,
I said in my prosperity:
'I will not be disturbed for ever.
7. Yahweh, by your favor,
You have established strength as my mountain.'
You hid your face; I became terrified!
8. To you, Yahweh, I kept crying out,
And to the Sovereign I kept making my plea for grace.
9. What profit is there in my blood,
In my going down to the pit?
Does dust give you thanks?
Does it declare your truth?
10. Hear, Yahweh,
And grant me your grace.
Yahweh, be the help I need!
11. You have turned my mourning right round for me into dancing;
You have unfastened my sack-cloth,
And girded me with joy!
12. In order that glory may make music to you and not be silent.
Yahweh, my God,
For ever I will thank you!