

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 3, 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 89:5-7

...the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord;
Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints.
For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord?
Who among the sons of the mighty
can be likened to the Lord?
God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints,
And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.

▶ INVOCATION

▶ HYMN OF PRAISE Our God, Our Help in Ages Past 30

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign Lord,

You do not play in convincing me of sin,
Satan did not play in tempting me to it,
I do not play when I sink in deep mire,
for sin is no game, no toy, no bauble;

Let me never forget

that the heinousness of sin

lies not so much in the nature of the sin committed,
as in the greatness of the person sinned against.

When I am afraid of evils to come, comfort me, by showing me
that in myself, I am a dying, condemned wretch,
but that in Christ, I am reconciled, made alive, and satisfied;
that I am feeble and unable to do any good,
but that in him, I can do all things;
that what I now have in Christ is mine in part,
but that shortly I shall have it perfectly in heaven.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20-22

...all the promises of God in [Jesus Christ] are Yes,
and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ

and has anointed us is God,

who also has sealed us

and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

SCRIPTURE

PSALM 31:1-24

Psalm 31

SERMON

"HE REALLY DOES"

Belonging to the worship-leader; a Song of David's

▶ HYMN OF RESPONSE Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment 676

Day by day and with each passing moment,
strength I find to meet my trials here;
trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
gives unto each day what he deems best
lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
mingling toil with peace and rest

Ev'ry day the Lord Himself is near me
with a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me,
He whose name is Counselor and Power
The protection of his child and treasure
is a charge that on himself he laid;
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure,"
this the pledge to me he made.

Help me then in ev'ry tribulation
so to trust your promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
offered me within your holy Word.
Help me Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
e'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the day, the moments fleeting,
'til I reach the promised land.

▶ BENEDICTION

1. In you, Yahweh, I have taken refuge.
Do not let me ever be disappointed.
In your righteousness, rescue me.
2. Turn your ear to me.
Deliver me quickly.
Be a fortress-rock for me,
A fortified house to save me.
3. For you are my crag and my fortress:
For your name's sake lead me and guide me.
4. Bring me out of the net they have hidden for me,
For you are my place of safety.
5. Into your hand I commit my spirit:
You have ransomed me,
Yahweh, transcendent God of truth.
6. I hate those who keep to empty things of falsehood.
As far as I am concerned,
It is in Yahweh that I have put my trust.
7. Oh, I exult and rejoice in your committed love,
In that you have seen my humiliation;
You have known of the deep distress of my soul,
8. And you have not consigned me into the hand of my enemy;
You have made my feet stand in a broad place.
9. Grant me your grace, Yahweh, for I am distressed.
My eye, my soul, and my body have become weak through vexation.
10. For my life has come to an end with sorrow,
And my years with groaning;
My strength has stumbled through my iniquity,
And even my bones have grown weak.

11. Through all my adversaries I have become a thing of reproach –
And to my neighbors especially –
And a source of dread to my acquaintances –
And those who see me out of doors fly from me!
12. I have been forgotten –
Like someone dead – out of mind!
I have become like something obliterated!
13. For I have heard the whispering of many –
Fear all around –
While they close ranks together against me,
Plot to take my life!
14. And as for me,
On you I place my trust, Yahweh:
I have said: ‘You are my God!’
15. In your hand are my times;
Deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
And from those that pursue me.
16. Oh, make your face shine on your servant!
Save me, in your committed love!
17. Yahweh, do not let me be disappointed,
For I have called to you.
Let the wicked be disappointed.
Let them be dumb in Sheol!
18. Let lips of falsehood be silenced
Which speak against the righteous
In an unrestrained way,
With pride and contempt.
19. How abundant is your goodness,
Which you have secreted away
For those who fear you,
And prepared for those who take refuge in you,
In front of the sons of man!
20. You will cover them with the covering of your face
From men’s plots;
You will secrete them away in a booth
From the strife of tongues.
21. Blessed be Yahweh,
For he has shown how marvelous is his committed love for me
In a city under siege.
22. And for my part,
I said when I was alarmed,
‘I have been cut off
From in front of your eyes.’
But in fact
You heard the voice of my plea for grace,
When I cried out to you for help.
23. Love Yahweh,
All you his beloved.
Yahweh really does preserve the faithful,
And requites to the last degree whoever acts in pride.
24. Be strong,
And let your heart prove mighty,
All you who are waiting for Yahweh.