

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 17, 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 68:34-35

Ascribe strength to God;

His excellence is over Israel,

And His strength is in the clouds.

O God, You are more awesome than Your holy places.

The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power
to His people.

Blessed be God!

▶ INVOCATION

▶ HYMN OF PRAISE

Psalms 104: 0 Worship the King

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Oh worship the King all glorious above,

Oh gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;

our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Oh tell of his might, Oh sing of his grace,

whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.

His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,

Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;

has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?

It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;

it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;

and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,

in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,

our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Oh measureless Might! Ineffable Love!

While angels delight to hymn you above,

the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,

with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you have created us and bought us with a price,

so we are not our own,

and therefore we should wholly live to obey, trust and love you.

But we have not obeyed You;

we have treated ourselves as kings instead of you;

we have exalted and pleased ourselves.

And we have not trusted you;

though your promises are great and precious and never fail,

yet we have only haltingly relied on them,

and in anxiety and fear have not put our full hope in you.

And we have not loved you;

though you are infinitely good, and you are love itself,

yet we have not made you our full desire and delight,

and instead have clung to idols that do not live.

We have sinned secretly and openly,

half-consciously and deliberately,

in attitude and in action, against your law and your love.

But now, O God, let your face shine upon us
to give us pardon and freedom!
Plow your grace deep into us
until we become a garden of holiness and joy in you.
In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON EPHESIANS 2:11-13

Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—
who are called Uncircumcision
by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—
that at that time you were without Christ,
being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel
and strangers from the covenants of promise,
having no hope and without God in the world.
But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

▶ HYMN OF ASSURANCE O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire 161

O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire, redemption's only spring!
Creator of the world art thou, its Savior and its King.

How vast the mercy and the love which laid our sins on thee,
and led thee to a cruel death, to set thy people free.

But now the bands of death are burst, the ransom has been paid;
and thou art on thy Father's throne, in glorious robes arrayed.

O Christ, be thou our lasting joy, our ever-great reward!
Our only glory may it be to glory in the Lord.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

▶ DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

▶ **HYMN** **Blest Be the Tie That Binds** **359**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before the Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way,
while each in expectation lives, and longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

SCRIPTURE

PSALM 33:1-22

SERMON

"REDEEMED RIGHT REASON REJOICES"

▶ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** **We Are God's People** **355**

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of his Spirit, established by His Word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n:
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
we die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire:
yet joined in one the flame burns on
to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

▶ **BENEDICTION**

Psalm 33

1. Shout, you righteous, with joy in Yahweh.
For the upright, praise is fitting.
2. Give thanks to Yahweh with the lyre,
With a ten-stringed harp make music to him.
3. Sing to him a new song.
Play well on the strings with triumphant shouting.
4. For Yahweh's word is upright,
and all his work is in truth.
5. He loves righteousness and judgment.
The earth is full of Yahweh's committed love.
6. By Yahweh's word the heavens were made,
And by the Spirit of his mouth all their host.
7. He gathers, like a heap, the waters of the sea.
He puts the deeps in storehouses.
8. Let all the earth be afraid of Yahweh.
Let all the inhabitants of the peopled-world go in dread of him.
9. For it is he who spoke and it came to be.
It was he who commanded and it stood.
10. It is Yahweh who makes the counsel of the nations ineffectual,
Frustrates the plans of the peoples.
11. It is Yahweh's counsel that for ever will stand,
The plans of his heart to generation after generation.
12. Blessed is the nation whose God is Yahweh!
The people he chose to be an inheritance for himself!
13. From heaven Yahweh looks.
He sees all the sons of man!
14. From the established place of his dwelling he gazes
At all the inhabitants of the earth,
15. He who altogether shapes their heart,
He who discerns all their works.
16. There is no king saved by the abundance of his resources,
Nor an individual delivered by the abundance of strength.
17. The horse is a falsehood for salvation,
Nor by the abundance of its might can it rescue!
18. Behold! Yahweh's eye is on those who fear him,
On those who hope for his committed love,
19. To deliver their soul even from death,
And to preserve them alive in famine.
20. Our soul waits for Yahweh:
Our help and our shield is he.
21. For our heart will rejoice in him,
Because in his holy name we have trusted.
22. May your committed love, Yahweh, be on us,
According as we have hoped in you.