

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

May 2, 2021

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

*Please silence all phones and electronic devices
as we prepare to worship our great God.*

Welcome and Announcements

Ben Phillips, Pastor of Ministries

The Song of Ascent

*God's people sang together as they gathered and
traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.*

Congregation

To the Ends of the Earth

You are holy and just so gracious to us
How could we withhold Your praise
You are faithful and wise so majestic O Christ
You are worthy to be proclaimed

To the ends of the earth You are Lord
From the heavens all glory is Yours
We exalt You O Christ as we carry Your light
To the ends of the earth O Lord

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ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship: "Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. 'You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.'" —Nehemiah 9.5b-6

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaring Our Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

This creed traditionally dates back to the early 2nd century.

The word "catholic" means "universal", meaning the one true church made up of all believers in Jesus Christ from every tribe, language, people and nation.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

The Gloria Patri's first line was sung in the church as early as the 2nd century to affirm that God is Triune. The second line was added in the 4th century to emphasize the eternal Deity of Jesus, refuting the Arian heresy that Jesus was not eternally God.

Hymn of Praise *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.
Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE
Recognition of 2021 Graduates

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD
Gift of Music

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Testimony *Cornerstone*
(Children ages three through first grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Refrain:

*Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne
Faultless to stand before the throne

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Genesis 18.16-22

¹⁶Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. ¹⁷The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." ²⁰Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord.

All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon *"Passion for God, Compassion for His World: 2021"* Pastor John
Series- Abraham & Sarah: Walking By Faith—Genesis 12-25

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response *Be Thou My Vision*
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'n-ward, 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.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for May 2, 2021

Pastor John Batusic

Message: *Passion for God, Compassion for His World: 2021*

Text: Genesis 18.16-22

The Perspective from the Mountain

- The beauty of God's world, 13.10
- The City of Man, 13.13
- Our involvement
- The ultimate city
- The people of God: part of his church

The Privilege on the Mountain

- Lot of talk about privilege
 - o The real privilege is to be the people of God
- Salvation through Jesus Christ
 - o How incredible
- God's word: the privilege of knowing God's agenda
 - o Who God is
 - o What God has done for us in Jesus Christ
 - o What God is doing
 - o What the future holds
- A sneak preview
 - o It's not all about the city
 - o It's not about building paradise on earth

The Promise to Bless

- God is going to use Abraham to bless the world
- Ultimately: Jesus Christ
- Already: Delivered Sodom militarily
- The history of the church
- A history under attack

The Program to Participate

- Grace... and obedience
 - o God's grace – it is not about our performance to earn his blessing or favor
- Righteousness- seeking to live God's way
- Expectation: effort/desire out of love and gratitude for God's grace and promise of blessing
 - o Justice
 - o Caring for people: Lives of love as we have opportunity
- We cannot fix everything

- o No perfect society
- o Other nations

The Pagan Predicament

- What we know so far (13.13)
- Moses' comments
- Choosing our own way

Our Posture with God

- Abraham before God/ God before Abraham
- Posture of prayer

So What About Us?

- Mission to Mars?
- The future is as bright as the promises of God- Ravenhill
- The future- what Abraham anticipated; Heb 11.10
- The Aaronic blessing