

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 10, 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 145:17-21

The Lord is righteous in all His ways,
Gracious in all His works.
The Lord is near to all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in truth.
He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
He also will hear their cry and save them.
The Lord preserves all who love Him,
But all the wicked He will destroy.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,
And all flesh shall bless His holy name
Forever and ever.

▶ INVOCATION

▶ HYMN OF PRAISE God, My King, Thy Might Confessing 5

God, my King, thy might confessing, ever will I bless thy name;
Day by day thy throne addressing, still will I thy praise proclaim.
Honor great our God befitteth; who his majesty can reach?
Age to age his works transmitteth; age to age his pow'r shall teach.
They shall talk of all thy glory, on thy might and greatness dwell,
Speak of thy great acts the story, and thy deeds of wonder tell.

Nor shall fail from mem'ry's treasure works by love and mercy wrought:
Works of love surpassing measure, works of mercy passing thought.

Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger, vast in love,
God is good to all creation; all his works his goodness prove.

All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy saints adore.
King supreme shall they confess thee, and proclaim thy sovereign pow'r.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of grace,
You have imputed my sin to my substitute,
and have imputed his righteousness to my soul,
clothing me with a bridegroom's robe,
decking me with jewels of holiness.
But in my Christian walk I am still in rags;
my best prayers are stained with sin;
my penitential tears are so much impurity;
I need to repent of my repentance;
I need my tears to be washed;
I have no robe to bring to cover my sins,
no loom on which to weave my own righteousness.
I am always going into the far country,
and always returning home as a prodigal,
always saying, "Father, forgive me,"
and you are always bringing forth the best robe.
Every morning let me wear it,
every evening return in it.
Grant that I would never lose sight of:
the exceeding sinfulness of sin,
the exceeding righteousness of salvation,
the exceeding glory of Christ,
the exceeding beauty of holiness,
the exceeding wonder of grace.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 JOHN 1:8-9

If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

▶ HYMN OF ASSURANCE Beneath the Cross of Jesus 251

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by to know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory, all the cross.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

WCF 15.1-2

Repentance unto life is an evangelical grace,
the doctrine whereof is to be preached
by every minister of the Gospel,
as well as that of faith in Christ.

By it, a sinner, out of the sight and sense not only of the danger,
but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins,
as contrary to the holy nature, and righteous law of God;
and upon the apprehension of His mercy in Christ
to such as are penitent,
so grieves for, and hates his sins,
as to turn from them all unto God,
purposing and endeavoring to walk with Him
in all the ways of His commandments.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

▶ DOXOLOGY 733

PASTORAL PRAYER

▶ HYMN There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood 253

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:
lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:
be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

SCRIPTURE

PSALM 32:1-11

SERMON

"LEADING TO HAPPINESS"

▶ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** **Just As I Am without One Plea** **501**

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, Oh Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
Oh Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many conflicts, many doubts,
fightings and fears within, without, Oh Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find, Oh Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, Oh Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, Oh Lamb of God, I come, I come.

▶ **BENEDICTION**

Psalm 32

David's. A Maskil.

1. Blessed is he with rebellion borne away,
with sin covered.
2. Blessed is the human to whom Yahweh does not reckon iniquity,
nor is there in his spirit deceit.
3. When I kept silent,
my bones wore out
through my roaring all the day.
4. For, day and night,
your hand was heavy upon me.
My moisture was changed right round
as by the all-consuming heat of summer.
5. My sin – why, I let you know it,
and my iniquity I did not cover over!
I said ‘I will make confession of my rebellions to Yahweh,
and for your part,
you bore away the iniquity of my sin. (*Selah*)
6. On this account,
every beloved will pray to you
in a season of finding:
surely, in the inundation of abundant waters
to him they will not reach.
7. You are a covert for me.
From trouble you will preserve me.
With ringing cries of rescue you surround me. (*Selah*)
8. I will give you insight and I will teach you
in the way you are to go;
I will counsel you,
my eye fixed on you!
9. Do not be as a horse, as a mule –
without discernment:
with bridle and halter its ornament for restraining.
No approach to you!
10. Many are the pains of the wicked,
but whoever is trusting in Yahweh –
committed love surrounds him.
11. Rejoice in Yahweh,
and exult,
you righteous ones,
and shout aloud,
all you who are upright in heart.