

LORD'S DAY CORPORATE WORSHIP

July 12, 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** 1 CHRONICLES 16:8-11
Oh, give thanks to the Lord!
Call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples!
Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;
Talk of all His wondrous works!
Glory in His holy name;
Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!
Seek the Lord and His strength;
Seek His face evermore!
- ▶ **GLORIA PATRI** 735
- ▶ **INVOCATION**
- ▶ **HYMN OF PRAISE** Come, Christians, Join to Sing 302
Come Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!
- Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great I AM,

Fill my mind with elevation and grandeur

at the thought of a Being with whom
one day is as a thousand years,
and a thousand years as one day.

May I rejoice that, while men die, you live;

that, while all creatures are broken reeds,
empty cisterns, fading flowers, withering grass,
you are the rock of ages, the fountain of living waters.

Turn my heart from vanity, from dissatisfactions,

from uncertainties of the present state,
to an eternal interest in Christ.

Let me remember that life is short and unforeseen,

and is only an opportunity for usefulness;

Give me a holy avarice to redeem the time,

to awake at every call to charity and piety,
so that I may feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
instruct the ignorant, forgive the offender,
diffuse the gospel, show neighborly love to all.

Let me live a life of self-distrust, dependence on you,

mortification, crucifixion, prayer

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

For when you were slaves of sin,
 you were free in regard to righteousness.

What fruit did you have then
 in the things of which you are now ashamed?

For the end of those things is death.

But now having been set free from sin,
 and having become slaves of God,

you have your fruit to holiness,
 and the end, everlasting life.

For the wages of sin is death,

but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

▶ HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
 while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
 hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;
 leave, ah! Leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
 raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
 false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
 let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
 thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;
 spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

▶ DOXOLOGY 733

PASTORAL PRAYER

▶ HYMN 606

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

Teach me thy way, Oh Lord; teach me thy way!
Thy guiding grace afford; teach me thy way!
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;
lead me with heav'nly light; teach me thy way!

When I am sad at heart, teach me thy way!
When earthly joys depart, teach me thy way!
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
in failure or success, teach me thy way!

When doubts and fears arise, teach me thy way!
When storms o'erspread the skies, teach me thy way!
Shine through the cloud and rain, thro' sorrow, toil, and pain;
make thou my pathway plain; teach me thy way!

Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way!
Where'er my lot be cast, teach me thy way!
Until the race is run, until the journey's done,
until the crown is won, teach me thy way!

SCRIPTURE

PSALM 39:1-13

SERMON

"THE PRESENT, MORE OR LESS"

▶ HYMN OF RESPONSE Ps. 42 - As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams 662

As the hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God.
My soul does thirst for the living God; when shall I come to see thy face?

My tears have fed me day and night,
While men have said, "Where is your God?"
But I recall as my soul pours dry, the days of praise within thy house.

Why do I mourn and toil within when it is mine to hope in God?
I shall again sing praise to him; he is my help, he is my God.

▶ BENEDICTION

Psalm 39

Belonging to the worship-leader, Jeduthun; a psalm of David's.

1. I said:
‘I will keep my ways, so as not to sin with my tongue.
I will keep my lips in a muzzle
As long as the wicked are in front of me.’
2. I kept myself dumb – silence! –
I kept quiet – no use! –
My pain was unassuaged.
3. My heart grew hot within me;
In my musing, the fire burned.
I spoke with my tongue:
4. ‘Make me know, Yahweh, my end,
And what is the measure of my days.
Let me know how transient I am.
5. Behold!
Mere handbreadths you have appointed my days,
And my duration is as nothing in front of you.
Yes indeed, all humankind stands as firm as a mere breath!
(*Selah*)
6. Yes indeed, it is as a shadow that a man walks around!
Yes indeed, as no more than a breath they bustle around!
He heaps things up,
And does not know who will gather them!
7. Now then, what am I waiting for, O Sovereign One?
My hope is in you.
8. From all my rebellions deliver me.
Do not make me the reproach of the unprincipled.
9. I kept myself dumb;
I did not open my mouth,
Because it was you who did it.

10. Remove your stroke from upon me.
I – as a result of the vigor of your hand – I am finished!
11. By corrections of iniquity you discipline a man,
You make what he desires melt away like a moth!
Yes indeed, all mankind is but a breath!
12. Oh, hear my prayer, Yahweh,
And to my cry for help turn your ear.
Towards my tears do not be dumb,
Because I am a refugee with you,
A sojourner like all my fathers.
13. Avert your gaze from me,
So that I may brighten up,
Before I go and am not.’

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