

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 16, 2022

My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes.

Psalm 119:171

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 22:1-22 (p. 790)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.

Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.

In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

“He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.

“Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”

Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother’s breast.

From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

Dogs have surrounded me;

a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.

They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.

Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.

**Congregants are requested to stand, if able.*

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done! Amen.*

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins.

All: For we know our transgressions, and our sins are always before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Leader: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time we were conceived. Cleanse us, and we will be clean; wash us, and we will be whiter than snow. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and grant us steadfast obedience.

All: We ask all this through the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Zechariah 12:1 - 13:1

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 250

Throned upon the Awful Tree

Throned upon the awful tree,
King of grief, I watch with thee.
Darkness veils thine anguished face:
None its lines of woe can trace:
None can tell what pangs unknown
Hold thee silent and alone.

Silent through those three dread hours,
Wrestling with the evil pow'rs,
Left alone with human sin,
Gloom around thee and within,
Till th'appointed time is nigh,
Till the Lamb of God may die.

Hark, that cry that peals aloud
Upward through the whelming cloud!
Thou, the Father's only Son,
Thou, his own Anointed One,
Thou dost ask him—can it be?—
“Why hast thou forsaken me?”

Lord, should fear and anguish roll
Darkly o'er my sinful soul,
Thou, who once wast thus bereft
That thine own might ne'er be left,
Teach me by that bitter cry
In the gloom to know thee nigh. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 19. *What is the misery of that estate into which man fell?*

A. All mankind, by their fall, lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

Q. 20. *Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?*

A. God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

Q. 21. *Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?*

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man, in two distinct natures, and one Person forever.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Doxology*

Hymn 732

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.

Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*

Hebrews 10:1-18

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 24])

(printed on p. 12)

The Earth and Its Riches

The earth and its riches abundantly stored,
The world and its dwellers belong to the LORD.
For he on the seas its foundations has laid,
And firm on the waters its pillars has stayed.

O who shall the mount of the LORD God ascend?
And who in the place of his holiness stand?
The man of pure heart and of hands without stain,
Who swears not to idols, nor serves what is vain.

Yes, he from the LORD shall a blessing receive;
The God of salvation shall righteousness give.
Thus looking to him is a whole blessed race;
All those who, like Jacob, are seeking your face.

O gates, lift your heads! Ancient doors, lift them high!
The great King of glory to enter draws nigh!
O who is the King that in glory draws near?
The LORD, mighty LORD of the battle, is here!

O gates, lift your heads! Ancient doors, lift them high!
The great King of glory to enter draws nigh!
This great King of glory, O who can he be?
The LORD God of hosts, King of glory is he! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Can I Be Sure that I Am Going to Heaven?”
John 19:28-42

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 500

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to TRINITY)

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore. Amen.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.

Monday, January 17

Scripture: Genesis 35:1 - 36:43; Matthew 12:1-21; Psalm 15:1-5; Proverbs 3:21-26

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 24

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

Tuesday, January 18

Scripture: Genesis 37:1 - 38:30; Matthew 12:22-45; Psalm 16:1-11; Proverbs 3:27-32

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 90

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

Wednesday, January 19

Scripture: Genesis 39:1 - 41:16; Matthew 12:46 - 13:23; Psalm 17:1-15; Prov. 3:33-35

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 91

Pray for: Our covenant children, and Christian military chaplains.
The churches in Egypt and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, January 20

Scripture: Genesis 41:17 - 42:17; Matthew 13:24-46; Psalm 18:1-15; Proverbs 4:1-6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 92

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

Friday, January 21

Scripture: Genesis 42:18 - 43:34; Matthew 13:47 - 14:12; Psalm 18:16-36; Prov. 4:7-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 93

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.
Our pregnant mom.

Saturday, January 22

Scripture: Genesis 44:1 - 45:28; Matthew 14:13-36; Psalm 18:37-50; Proverbs 4:11-13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 94

Pray for: The preaching, and for our Sunday School teachers.

Sunday, January 23

Scripture: Genesis 46:1 - 47:31; Matthew 15:1-28; Psalm 19:1-14; Proverbs 4:14-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 95

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

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Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.

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LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

When we recite the Nicene Creed, we confess that Jesus “suffered and was buried.” While the inclusion of the fact that he was buried might seem unimportant, it has great theological significance. Jesus’ burial is proof that he actually died and thereby suffered the final stage of the curse of sin. God warned our first parents that the wages of sin is death. Jesus was therefore buried to show that he fully bore this curse for us. As a result, for those who are in Christ, death has lost its sting (1 Corinthians 15:55). Though we grieve when beloved Christians die, we do not grieve as those who have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13). Jesus himself declared that he accomplished the work required for our salvation and by his death and resurrection we know that he was victorious over the grave. Charles Spurgeon wrote:

The grave—what is it? It is the bath in which the Christian puts on the clothes of his body to have them washed and cleansed. Death—what is it? It is the waiting room where we robe ourselves for immortality; it is the place where the body, like Esther, bathes itself in spices that it may be fit for the embrace of its Lord. Death is the gate of life; I will not fear to die, then.

1. For review, read John 19:1-27. What is the significance of the fact that Pilate declared Jesus not guilty? How does John reveal the shame that Jesus experienced on the cross? Why is it important for us to understand that Jesus bore both the guilt and shame of our sin on the cross?
2. Read John 6:35-40, 17:1-5, and 19:28-30. What did Jesus “finish”?
3. How does the author of Hebrews explain Jesus’ finished work in Hebrews 9:25-28 and 10:11-14? How does a deeper understanding of Jesus’ finished work help increase your sense of assurance, joy, and gratitude?
4. Read John 3:1-21, 7:40-52, and 19:38-42. What do you learn about Nicodemus from these passages? What evidence do you see in John 19:38-42 about his faith in Christ?
5. Why was Jesus buried? How does the fact of Jesus’ burial console us in this life? Why should Christians not fear the grave?

The Earth and Its Riches

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1. ¹The earth and its rich - es a - bun - dant - ly stored,
 2. ³O who shall the mount of the LORD God as - cend?
 3. ⁵Yes, he from the LORD shall a bless - ing re - ceive;
 4. ⁷O gates, lift your heads! An - cient doors, lift them high!
 5. ⁹O gates, lift your heads! An - cient doors, lift them high!

the world and its dwell - ers be - long to the LORD.
 And who in the place of his ho - li - ness stand?
 • the God of sal - va - tion shall righ - teous - ness give.
 The great King of glo - ry to en - ter draws nigh!
 The great King of glo - ry to en - ter draws nigh!

²For he on the seas its foun - da - tions has laid,
⁴The man of pure heart and of hands with - out stain,
 • ⁶Thus look - ing to him is a whole bless - ed race;
⁸O who is the King that in glo - ry draws near?
¹⁰This great King of glo - ry, O who can he be?

and firm on the wa - ters its pil - lars has stayed.
 who swears not to i - dols, nor serves what is vain.
 • all those who, like Ja - cob, are seek - ing your face.
 The LORD, might - y LORD of the bat - tle, is here!
 The LORD God of hosts, King of glo - ry is he!