

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 23, 2022

All you have made will praise you, O LORD;  
your saints will extol you.

**Psalm 145:10**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing\*

Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 4 (p. 786)

Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God.

**Give me relief from my distress;  
be merciful to me and hear my prayer.**

How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame?  
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

**Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;  
the LORD will hear when I call to him.**

In your anger do not sin;  
when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.

**Offer right sacrifices and trust in the LORD.**

Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?"

**Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

You have filled my heart with greater joy  
than when their grain and new wine abound.

**I will lie down and sleep in peace,  
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

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

***All Creatures of Our God and King***

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,

*O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,

*O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light,

*O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care,

*O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,

*O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.*

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Almighty God, you are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you. Hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness.

**All:** We confess that we have again preferred the ways of this world to your ways. We have rebelled against your wisdom and sought after foolishness. We have rejected your fatherly commands and have done what is right in our own eyes.

**Leader:** Forgive us, we pray. Enable us by your Holy Spirit to put off sin and to put on Christ. Help us in our fight against sin, and empower us to act, speak, and think in ways that glorify you.

**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**

1 John 4:9-11

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Psalm 16

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. 22.** *How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?*

**A.** Christ, the Son of God, became man by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

**Q. 23.** *What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?*

**A.** Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

### Gloria Patri\*

Hymn 735

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.

### 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\*

Acts 2:14-41

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

“Jesus Lives, and So Shall I”  
John 20:1-18

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 706

### *Jesus Lives, and So Shall I*

Jesus lives, and so shall I. Death, thy sting is gone forever!  
He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sever.  
He shall raise me from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives and reigns supreme; and, his kingdom still remaining,  
I shall also be with him, ever living, ever reigning.  
God has promised; be it must: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and by his grace, vict’ry o’er my passions giving,  
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ever to his glory living.  
Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sever,  
Life nor death nor pow’rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever.  
None of all his saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory.  
Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee;  
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is the Christian’s trust. Amen.

**Benediction\***

**Congregational Benediction Response\***

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father,  
Praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit,  
Three in One,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

# **SERMON NOTES**

“Jesus Lives, and So Shall I”  
John 20:1-18

1. The Surprise of Jesus’ Resurrection

Mark 9:30-32

While Jesus’ followers were surprised by his resurrection, God had planned it from all eternity, just like he has planned every detail of our lives.

2. The Truth of Jesus’ Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

The Bible is God’s Word, and it reveals the historical fact that Jesus rose from the dead.

3. One of the Many Blessings of Jesus’ Resurrection: Adoption

Romans 8:15-17

Because he died and rose again, Jesus secured our salvation and made us God’s children.

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# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, January 24**

Scripture: Genesis 48:1 - 49:33; Matthew 15:29 - 16:12; Psalm 20:1-9; Prov. 4:20-27

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 25

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

## **Tuesday, January 25**

Scripture: Genesis 50:1 - Exodus 2:10; Matthew 16:13 - 17:9; Ps. 21:1-13; Prov. 5:1-6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 96

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

## **Wednesday, January 26**

Scripture: Exodus 2:11 - 3:22; Matthew 17:10-27; Psalm 22:1-18; Proverbs 5:7-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 97

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

## **Thursday, January 27**

Scripture: Exodus 4:1 - 5:21; Matthew 18:1-20; Psalm 22:19-31; Proverbs 5:15-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 98

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

## **Friday, January 28**

Scripture: Exodus 5:22 - 7:25; Matthew 18:21 - 19:12; Psalm 23:1-6; Proverbs 5:22-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 99

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

## **Saturday, January 29**

Scripture: Exodus 8:1 - 9:35; Matthew 19:13-30; Psalm 24:1-10; Proverbs 6:1-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 100

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

## **Sunday, January 30**

Scripture: Exodus 10:1 - 12:13; Matthew 20:1-28; Psalm 25:1-15; Proverbs 6:6-11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 101

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

Jesus' resurrection marked the turning point from his state of humiliation to his state of exaltation. After suffering all of his life and then bearing the wrath of God for the sins of his people on the cross and being buried in a tomb, Jesus was raised in glory. While his followers struggled to believe and understand the significance of his resurrection, Jesus was patient and loving. This truth should encourage us as we often struggle with discouragement in this life. We have a risen and ascended King in heaven who loves us and who will raise us in glory in the same way that he was raised in glory. J.C. Ryle notes about John 20:1-18:

We see in these verses how kindly and graciously our Lord speaks of His disciples. He bids Mary Magdalene carry a message to them as "His brethren." He bids her tell them that His Father was their Father, and His God their God. It was but three days before that they had all forsaken Him shamefully, and fled. Yet this merciful Master speaks as if all was forgiven and forgotten. His first thought is to bring back the wanderers, to bind up the wounds of their consciences, to reanimate their courage, to restore them to their former place. This was indeed a love that passeth knowledge. To trust deserters and to show confidence in backsliders was a compassion which man can hardly understand. So true is that word of David: "Like as a Father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust." (Psalm 103:13, 14).

1. For review, read John 19:28-42. What did Jesus finish? Why is the fact that Jesus died emphasized in this passage?
2. Read John 20:1-18. What are some details in this passage that reveal the fact that Jesus' followers were surprised by his resurrection?
3. Why did Jesus tell Mary not to cling to him in verse 17?
4. What do Jesus' words to Mary in verse 17 reveal about the blessing of our adoption? Read Romans 8:15-17 and Westminster Confession of Faith ch. 12. How should knowing that you are a child of God encourage and strengthen you in this life?
5. In preparation for next week, read John 20:19-23. Why do you think Jesus used the word "peace" twice when greeting his disciples?

## The Earth and Its Riches

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

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