

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

John 6:33

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship*

Psalm 28:6-9

Leader: Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

All: The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Hymn*

Hymn 8

Mighty God, While Angels Bless You

Mighty God, while angels bless you, may a mortal sing your name?
Lord of men as well as angels, you are every creature's theme.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Lord of every land and nation, ancient of eternal days,
Sounded through the wide creation be your just and lawful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

For the grandeur of your nature, grand beyond a seraph's thought,
For created works of power, works with skill and kindness wrought.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

But your rich, your free redemption, dark through brightness all along,
Thought is poor, and poor expression, who dare sing that wondrous song?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Brightness of the Father's glory, shall your praise unuttered lie?
Fly, my tongue, such guilty silence, sing the Lord who came to die.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

From the highest throne in glory, to the cross of deepest woe,
All to ransom guilty captives, flow my praise, forever flow.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Our Father, we confess that you are holy and we are sinful. As we read the Bible, we are confronted by your perfection and the many ways we fall short of your glory. Forgive us, we pray, and grant us repentant hearts. Cause us to keep in step with the Holy Spirit and to live according to your revealed will. Help us to do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. All praise, honor, and glory be to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Hymn

Hymn 585

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee. Amen.

Scripture Reading*

1 Samuel 20:1-17

Hymn

Hymn 427

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

Amidst us our Beloved stands,
And bids us view his pierced hands;
Points to the wounded feet and side,
Blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board,
When at his table sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,
When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim,
We see the signs, but see not him;
O may his love the scales displace,
And bid us see him face to face!

O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,
Your present smile a heav'n imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be,
Let every saint your glory see! Amen.

Prayer

Sermon

“Feasting at the King’s Table”
2 Samuel 9:1-13

Pastor Ben Muresan

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn*

Hymn 402

Abide with Me

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day; earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless: ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee:
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit, be to God and God alone!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One in Three and Three in One. Amen.