

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Psalm 103:22

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 30 (p. 794 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.

O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit.

Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;

weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."

O LORD, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.

To you, O LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

"What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit?

"Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

"Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help."

You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

* *Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: We praise you, our God and King, because you are holy and good. Your unfailing love is as vast as the heavens; your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.

All: We confess that though you have been faithful, we have been unfaithful. We have sinned against you by breaking your commandments and by not doing the good works that bring you glory and honor.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Cause us to continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the Gospel.

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, now and forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Isaiah 11:1-10

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 259

Hark! the Voice of Love and Mercy

Hark! the voice of love and mercy sounds aloud from Calvary;
See, it rends the rocks asunder, shakes the earth, and veils the sky:

“It is finished! It is finished! It is finished!”

Hear the dying Savior cry; hear the dying Savior cry.

“It is finished!” O what pleasure do these precious words afford;
Heav’nly blessings, without measure, flow to us from Christ the Lord:

“It is finished! It is finished! It is finished!”

Saints the dying words record; saints the dying words record.

Finished all the types and shadows of the ceremonial law;
Finished all that God had promised; death and hell no more shall awe:

“It is finished! It is finished! It is finished!”

Saints, from hence your comfort draw; saints, from hence your comfort draw.

Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs, join to sing the glorious theme;
All in earth, and all in heaven, join to praise Emmanuel’s name:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to the bleeding Lamb!

Glory to the bleeding Lamb! Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed (p. 846)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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*

Romans 5:12-21

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 139:14-24])

Hymn 37

All That I Am I Owe to Thee

All that I am I owe to thee;
Thy wisdom, Lord, has fashioned me.
I give my Maker thankful praise,
Whose wondrous works my soul amaze.

Ere into being I was brought,
Thine eye did see, and in thy thought
My life in all its perfect plan
Was ordered ere my days began.

Thy thoughts, O God, how manifold,
More precious unto me than gold!
I muse on their infinity,
Awaking I am still with thee.

The wicked thou wilt surely slay;
From me let sinners turn away.
They speak against the name divine;
I count God's enemies as mine.

Search me, O God, my heart discern;
Try me, my inmost thought to learn;
And lead me, if in sin I stray,
To choose the everlasting way. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Clayton Willis

“The Fall”
Genesis 3:1-7

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 172

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name!
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame:
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu’ror’s crown:
He who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy’s store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
“You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy, Lamb of God!” Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his communion,
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings. Amen.*

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, April 25

Scripture: Judges 4:1 - 5:31; Luke 22:35-53; Psalm 94:1-23; Proverbs 14:3-4

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 5

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

Tuesday, April 26

Scripture: Judges 6:1-40; Luke 22:54 - 23:12; Psalm 95:1 - 96:13; Proverbs 14:5-6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 67

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

Wednesday, April 27

Scripture: Judges 7:1 - 8:17; Luke 23:13-43; Psalm 97:1 - 98:9; Proverbs 14:7-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 68

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

Thursday, April 28

Scripture: Judges 8:18 - 9:21; Luke 23:44 - 24:12; Psalm 99:1-9; Proverbs 14:9-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 69

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

Friday, April 29

Scripture: Judges 9:22 - 10:18; Luke 24:13-53; Psalm 100:1-5; Proverbs 14:11-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 70

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

Saturday, April 30

Scripture: Judges 11:1 - 12:15; John 1:1-28; Psalm 101:1-8; Proverbs 14:13-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 71

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

Sunday, May 1

Scripture: Judges 13:1 - 14:20; John 1:29-51; Psalm 102:1-28; Proverbs 14:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 72

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

The rich generosity of God is displayed in the beauty and provision of the garden. He placed Adam and Eve in the garden and encouraged them to explore and enjoy every square inch of it, withholding nothing from them except the fruit of one single tree. The tranquil beauty of the garden is shattered in Genesis 3. The serpent, who is Satan according to Revelation 12:9 and 20:2, calls into question God's trustworthiness and generosity. He convinces Eve that God is stingy and jealous; afraid that the man and woman will surpass him in knowledge and wisdom.

In the words of the serpent, we learn how Satan operates. He takes the truth and then twists and distorts it so that good is seen as evil, and evil seen as good. What he said to Eve and Adam in 3:5, "your eyes will be opened," had a kernel of truth to it. When they ate the forbidden fruit their eyes were opened, but instead of being elevated or enlightened by what they could now "see," what they saw was that they had lost everything.

But though they had broken the covenant, God in his mercy continued to provide for Adam and Eve. He would provide a Savior for Adam and Eve and all the people who would descend from them; God's own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the second Adam.

1. What did Adam and Eve enjoy in the Garden of Eden? How is "happy and holy" a good description of their life in the garden?
2. Consider Q & A 27 from the Westminster Larger Catechism (below). What did we lose in the fall?

Q. 27. What misery did the fall bring upon mankind?

A. The fall brought upon mankind the loss of communion with God, his displeasure and curse; so as we are by nature children of wrath, bond slaves to Satan, and justly liable to all punishments in this world, and that which is to come.

3. Adam and Eve's attempt at making clothes out of fig leaves symbolizes fallen mankind's attempt at righteousness. Read Genesis 3:21 and describe what God does for Adam and Eve. Compare the act of God clothing Adam and Eve with Isaiah 61:10. In light of what Isaiah wrote, what do you think the clothing in Genesis 3:21 points to?
4. How does the account of the fall help you realize how terrible sin is? How does it help you understand how wonderful our salvation in Christ is?