

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 26, 2022

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 31:15-24 (p. 795 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.

Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.

Let me not be put to shame, O LORD, for I have cried out to you; but let the wicked be put to shame and lie silent in the grave.

Let their lying lips be silenced, for with pride and contempt they speak arrogantly against the righteous.

How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you,
which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you.

In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men;
in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues.

Praise be to the LORD, for he showed his wonderful love to me when I was in a besieged city.
In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight!"

Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help.

Love the LORD, all his saints!

The LORD preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full.

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

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

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the Life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death's approaching hour, strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness, no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
Make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure that we can boldly conquer and endure. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Our merciful Father, we acknowledge that we have sinned against you and our neighbors in thought, word, and deed. We have strayed from your perfect and holy Law.

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.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, for you have promised that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 507

Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

Approach, my soul, the mercy seat
Where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before his feet,
For none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea;
With this I venture nigh:
Thou callest burdened souls to thee,
And such, O Lord, am I.

Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
By Satan sorely pressed,
By war without and fears within,
I come to thee for rest.

Be thou my shield and hiding place,
That, sheltered near thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
And tell him thou hast died.

O wondrous love! to bleed and die,
To bear the cross and shame,
That guilty sinners, such as I,
Might plead thy gracious name! 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*

1 John 3:11-24

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 51:1-15]) (Hymn 486; printed on p. 12)

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Rudy Manrique

“Holding Fast to Truth and Love”
2 John 1:1-6

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 521

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand. 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.*

SERMON NOTES

“Holding Fast to Truth and Love”
2 John 1:1-6

1. Unexpected Recipients
2. A Gospel Blessing
3. Walking in Truth and Love

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, June 27

Scripture: 2 Kings 10:32 - 12:21; Acts 18:1-22; Psalm 145:1-21; Proverbs 18:1

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 14

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

Tuesday, June 28

Scripture: 2 Kings 13:1 - 14:29; Acts 18:23 - 19:12; Psalm 146:1-10; Proverbs 18:2-3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 14

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

Wednesday, June 29

Scripture: 2 Kings 15:1 - 16:20; Acts 19:13-41; Psalm 147:1-20; Proverbs 18:4-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 15

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

Thursday, June 30

Scripture: 2 Kings 17:1 - 18:12; Acts 20:1-38; Psalm 148:1-14; Proverbs 18:6-7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 16

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

Friday, July 1

Scripture: 2 Kings 18:13 - 19:37; Acts 21:1-17; Psalm 149:1-9; Proverbs 18:8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 17

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

Saturday, July 2

Scripture: 2 Kings 20:1 - 22:2; Acts 21:18-36; Psalm 150:1-6; Proverbs 18:9-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 18

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

Sunday, July 3

Scripture: 2 Kings 22:3 - 23:30; Acts 21:37 - 22:16; Psalm 1:1-6; Proverbs 18:11-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 19

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

Although brief, 2 John is an encouraging letter written by the elder (the Apostle John) to a struggling congregation that had recently been infiltrated by false teachers who denied “the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh” (v. 7). Such heretical teaching has profound consequences on how we ought to live the Christian life. After all, if we don’t have a Savior who took on flesh, how are we, as Christians, supposed to love one another and our neighbors in tangible ways if this isn’t the way Jesus loved us?

Thus, being the disciple of love, John wrote this short letter to remind his discouraged congregation of the glorious gospel truth that they not only possessed but that would remain with them forever (v. 2). It is this gospel truth that John desires his congregation to continue to abide in, outwardly demonstrated by the command to “love one another” (v. 5), since this is the way Jesus loved his people: by laying down his life for them (John 13:34-35). The following devotional questions are for you to ponder the depths of God’s grace and love and how you might exercise what has been bestowed upon you toward all your fellow believers and neighbors.

1. In verse 1, why does the Apostle John refer to himself as “the elder” and the recipients as “the elect lady and her children”? According to the sermon, what is the significance of John referring to them in this manner?
2. Throughout verses 5-6, John asks his congregation to continue to walk in the truth. How is this possible if walking is something done physically, while truth is often considered as an abstract concept? What did John have in mind when he wrote this?
3. Besides the blessing of abiding in the truth, at the close of his greeting (v. 3), John mentions three other blessings that will be with God’s people. What are these blessings and what do they each mean? What is the ultimate source of these blessings, and why will they always be with God’s people? As they each relate to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, what are some of the ways God has demonstrated these blessings to you? How can you praise the Lord for these blessings during this week?
4. Why is it important to understand that the command to love one another is not a new commandment? Where do we first hear this commandment? According to John, how is love demonstrated by God’s people? How does loving one another relate to walking in the truth?

God, Be Merciful to Me

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. Ps. 51:1

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my soul op - press;
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by thy wrath and judg - ment just,

plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace and pro - voked thee to thy face;
 Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;
 let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear thy voice;

wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 I con - fess thy judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
 make me pure, thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
 from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
 make my spirit right and true;
 cast me not away from thee,
 let thy Spirit dwell in me;
 thy salvation's joy impart,
 steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me
 and return, O God, to thee;
 Savior, all my guilt remove,
 and my tongue shall sing thy love;
 touch my silent lips, O Lord,
 and my mouth shall praise accord.