

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Revelation 4:11

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 16 (p. 788)

Keep me safe, O God,
for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”

**As for the saints who are in the land,
they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.**

The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.

I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.**

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

**I have set the LORD always before me.
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

**because you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.**

You have made known to me the path of life;

**you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

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

Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious: see the Man of Sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious, ev'ry knee to him shall bow.
Crown him! Crown him! Crowns become the Victor's brow.

Crown the Savior, angels, crown him; rich the trophies Jesus brings;
In the seat of pow'r enthroned him, while the vault of heaven rings.
Crown him! Crown him! Crown the Savior King of kings.

Sinners in derision crowned him, mocking thus the Savior's claim;
Saints and angels crowd around him, own his title, praise his name.
Crown him! Crown him! Spread abroad the Victor's fame!

Hark! those bursts of acclamation! Hark! those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station; O what joy the sight affords!
Crown him! Crown him! King of kings, and Lord of lords. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we acknowledge and confess that we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

All: We have walked in darkness rather than living according to what you have revealed to us in your holy Word. We have sinned against you and our neighbors, and we are not worthy to be called your children.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and grant us repentant hearts. Help us to lay aside every weight and the sin which clings so closely, and strengthen us to run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at your right hand.

All: All praise, honor, glory, and power be to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jeremiah 31:33-34

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 13:8-10

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 390

Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray

Lord of the Sabbath, hear us pray,
In this your house, on this your day;
And own, as grateful sacrifice,
The songs which from your temple rise.

Now met to pray and bless your name,
Whose mercies flow each day the same,
Whose kind compassions never cease,
We seek instruction, pardon, peace.

Your earthly Sabbaths, Lord, we love,
But there's a nobler rest above;
To that our lab'ring souls aspire
With ardent hope and strong desire.

In your blest kingdom we shall be
From ev'ry mortal trouble free;
No sighs shall mingle with the songs
Resounding from immortal tongues.

No rude alarms of raging foes;
No cares to break the long repose;
No midnight shade, no waning moon,
But sacred, high, eternal noon.

O long-expected day, begin,
Dawn on these realms of woe and sin!
Break, morn of God, upon our eyes;
And let the world's true Sun arise! Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 88. *What are the outward means by which Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?*

A. The outward and ordinary means by which Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all of which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

Q. 89. *How is the Word made effectual to salvation?*

A. The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith to salvation.

Q. 90. *How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?*

A. That the Word may become effectual to salvation we must attend to it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love; lay it up in our hearts; and practice it in our lives.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Doxology*

Hymn 731

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*

Matthew 6:5-15

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 16:1, 2, 5-8, 11])

Hymn 692

To You, O Lord, I Fly

To you, O Lord, I fly
And on your help depend;
You are my Lord and King Most High;
Great God, my soul defend.
A heritage for me Jehovah will remain;
My portion rich and full is he,
My right he will maintain.

The lot to me that fell
Is beautiful and fair;
The heritage in which I dwell
Is good beyond compare.
I praise the Lord above
Whose counsel guides aright;
My heart instructs me in his love
In seasons of the night.

I keep before me still
The Lord whom I have proved;
At my right hand he guards from ill,
And I shall not be moved.
Life's pathway you will show,
To your right hand will guide,
Where streams of pleasure ever flow,
And boundless joys abide. Amen.

Professions of Faith

Sacrament of Baptism

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
All thy lambs in safety keep;
Nothing can thy power withstand;
None can pluck them from thy hand.

May they praise thee every day,
Gladly all thy will obey,
Like thy blessed ones above,
Happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,
Teach thy lambs thy voice to hear;
Suffer not their steps to stray
From the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest may they go,
Walking in thy steps below;
Then, before thy Father's throne,
Savior, claim them for thine own. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Thy Kingdom Come”
Matthew 6:10

GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 469

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?"

"Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room,
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
Send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

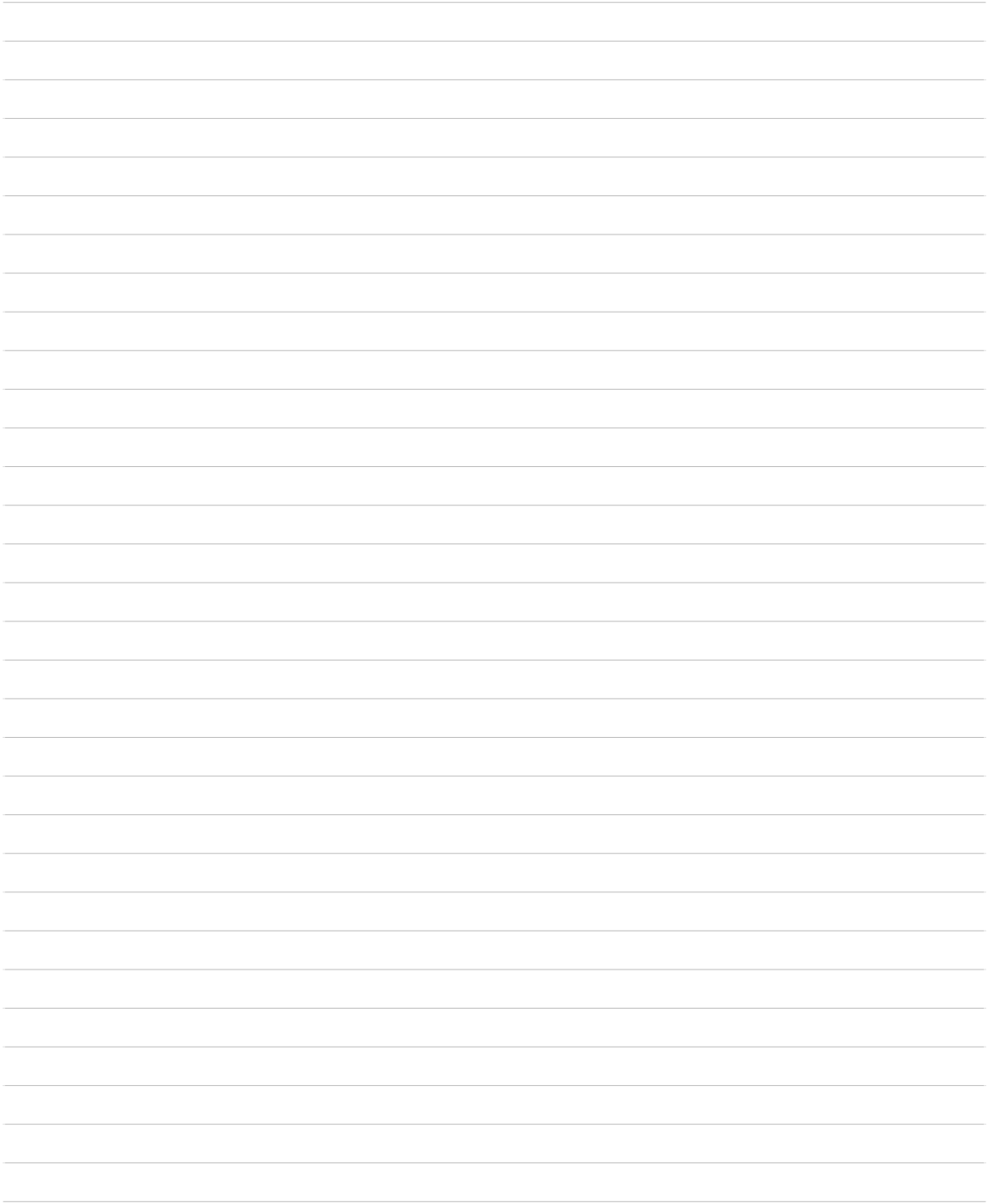
(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

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

SERMON NOTES

“Thy Kingdom Come”
Matthew 6:10

1. We are asking the Lord to rule and reign in our souls.
 Philippians 3:20-21
 Ephesians 1:13-14
2. We are asking the Lord to bring more people to saving faith.
 Mark 3:23-27
 Colossians 1:13-14
3. We are asking the Lord to return quickly.
 Matthew 25:34
 Revelation 11:15



HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, August 8

Scripture: Ezra 7:1 - 8:20; 1 Corinthians 4:1-21; Psalm 30:1-12; Proverbs 20:28-30

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 20

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

Tuesday, August 9

Scripture: Ezra 8:21 - 9:15; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; Psalm 31:1-8; Proverbs 21:1-2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 50

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

Wednesday, August 10

Scripture: Ezra 10:1-44; 1 Corinthians 6:1-20; Psalm 31:9-18; Proverbs 21:3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 51

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

Thursday, August 11

Scripture: Nehemiah 1:1 - 3:14; 1 Corinthians 7:1-24; Psalm 31:19-24; Proverbs 21:4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 52

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

Friday, August 12

Scripture: Nehemiah 3:15 - 5:13; 1 Corinthians 7:25-40; Psalm 32:1-11; Prov. 21:5-7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 53

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

Saturday, August 13

Scripture: Nehemiah 5:14 - 7:73; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Psalm 33:1-11; Prov. 21:8-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 54

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

Sunday, August 14

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1 - 9:21; 1 Corinthians 9:1-18; Psalm 33:12-22; Prov. 21:11-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 55

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

In teaching us how to pray, Jesus gave us six petitions or requests to pray on a regular basis. The second of these petitions is “Thy kingdom come.” What does it mean for us to request this in prayer? It means that we are asking God to bring more and more of the realities of heaven into our age. We want him to subdue our sin by his mighty power. We want him to bring people to saving faith. We want Christ to return and establish his visible reign. Our greatest desire is to be with Christ in glory, and in this prayer we are asking the Lord to bring that reality about in greater measure now until that time when Christ will fully establish his Kingdom at his return.

In his book, *The Majesty on High: Introduction to the Kingdom of God in the New Testament*, S.M. Baugh has a wonderful definition of what the Kingdom of God is that we should consider. While some of the language might sound a bit technical, the overall tone is encouraging and full of hope. He writes:

The kingdom of God proper is the fully eschatological new heavens and new earth inhabited by the redeemed, resurrected saints in glory and incorruptibility where the triune God triumphantly rules supreme in the presence of his people forever. As the new creation, then, the kingdom of God will encompass all created reality at the end of this age extending to all eternity. But the exciting thing about the kingdom of God is that this new creation reality has already been definitively inaugurated with the incarnation, the cross-work, the ascension, and the glorification to all rule and authority in this age and in the world to come by Jesus, the Messiah.

1. For review from last Sunday, what does it mean to “hallow” God’s name? Why is this the first petition given by Jesus in teaching us to pray?
2. Read Philippians 3:17-21 and Ephesians 1:13-14. What do these passages say about our current status in relation to heavenly glory? What does this mean for where our main allegiance should be?
3. What sins in particular are you currently struggling with? Take a moment to pray and ask the Lord to rule and reign over your soul, and ask him to weaken the influence those particular sins have in your life.
4. Consider the third point of the sermon and the longing we have for Christ to return. How does our longing for Christ’s return help, not hinder, our witness in this life?
5. In preparation for next Sunday, what do you think it means to pray, “Thy will be done”? Why might this be a challenging prayer for some Christians? How is it a comforting prayer?