

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 15, 2023

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 2 (p. 785 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

**The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together
against the LORD and against his Anointed One.**

“Let us break their chains,” they say, “and throw off their fetters.”

The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

**I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me,
“You are my Son; today I have become your Father.**

“Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

“You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way,
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

The pastor will read the plain text; the congregation will read the bold text.

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker, and all within me bless his holy name;
Bless thou the Lord, forget not all his mercies, his pard'ning grace and saving love proclaim.
Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion, most slow to anger, plenteous in love;
Rich is his grace to all that humbly seek him, boundless and endless as the heav'ns above.
Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

His love is like a father's to his children, tender and kind to all who fear his name;
For well he knows our weakness and our frailty, he knows that we are dust, he knows our frame.
Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beauty, like tender grass that soon will disappear;
But evermore the love of God is changeless, still shown to those who look to him in fear.
Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever, his kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;
Bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion, bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.
Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions. Wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins.

All: For we know our transgressions, and our sins are always before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Leader: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time we were conceived. Cleanse us, and we will be clean; wash us, and we will be whiter than snow. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and grant us steadfast obedience.

All: We praise you for the assurance we have of forgiveness through the blood of our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Revelation 1:5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Genesis 18

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 342

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today:
With thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
What they ask of thee to gain,
What they gain from thee forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory
Evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
While unending ages run. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 30. *How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?*

A. The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

Q. 31. *What is effectual calling?*

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, by which, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 32. *What benefits are there in this life for those who are effectually called?*

A. Those who are effectually called partake in justification, adoption, sanctification, and the other benefits that, in this life, do either accompany them or flow from them.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Doxology*

Hymn 732

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*

Hebrews 4:14 - 5:10

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [from Psalm 72])

Hymn 439

Christ Shall Have Dominion

Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
Earth's remotest regions shall his empire be;
They that wilds inhabit shall their worship bring,
Kings shall render tribute, nations serve our King.
*Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
Earth's remotest regions shall his empire be.*

When the needy seek him, he will mercy show;
Yea, the weak and helpless shall his pity know;
He will surely save them from oppression's might,
For their lives are precious in his holy sight.
*Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
Earth's remotest regions shall his empire be.*

Ever and forever shall his name endure,
Long as suns continue it shall stand secure;
And in him forever all men shall be blest,
And all nations hail him King of kings confessed.
*Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
Earth's remotest regions shall his empire be.*

Unto God Almighty joyful Zion sings;
He alone is glorious, doing wondrous things.
Evermore, ye people, bless his glorious name,
His eternal glory through the earth proclaim.
*Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
Earth's remotest regions shall his empire be. Amen.*

Reception of New Members

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Just Judge of All the Earth”
Genesis 18

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 305

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev’ry race, his blood atoned for ev’ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled; his pard’ning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, January 16

Scripture: Genesis 32:13 – 34:31; Matthew 11:7-30; Psalm 14:1-7; Proverbs 3:19-20

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 10

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

Tuesday, January 17

Scripture: Genesis 35:1 - 36:43; Matthew 12:1-21; Psalm 15:1-5; Proverbs 3:21-26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 81

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

Wednesday, January 18

Scripture: Genesis 37:1 - 38:30; Matthew 12:22-45; Psalm 16:1-11; Proverbs 3:27-32

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 82

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

Thursday, January 19

Scripture: Genesis 39:1 - 41:16; Matthew 12:46 - 13:23; Psalm 17:1-15; Prov. 3:33-35

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 83

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

Friday, January 20

Scripture: Genesis 41:17 - 42:17; Matthew 13:24-46; Psalm 18:1-15; Proverbs 4:1-6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 84

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

Saturday, January 21

Scripture: Genesis 42:18 - 43:34; Matthew 13:47 - 14:12; Psalm 18:16-36; Prov. 4:7-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 85

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

Sunday, January 22

Scripture: Genesis 44:1 - 45:28; Matthew 14:13-36; Psalm 18:37-50; Proverbs 4:11-13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 86

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

MISSIONS CORNER

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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GATHERING for EVENING PRAYER and HYMNS

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn

“How Blest Is He Whose Trespass” Hymn 551

***Scripture Reading**

Hymn

“Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit” Hymn 331

Devotion

Hymn

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” Hymn 585

Congregational Prayer

Men remain in the sanctuary;
Ladies meet in the fellowship hall

***Hymn**

“Abide with Me” Hymn 402

***Closing Prayer**