

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 16, 2023

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 8 (p. 786 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise,

because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**what is man that you are mindful of him,
the son of man that you care for him?**

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

**You made him ruler over the works of your hands;
you put everything under his feet:**

all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air,
and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

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

Forever Settled in the Heavens

Forever settled in the heav'ns,
Thy word, O Lord, shall firmly stand;
Thy faithfulness shall never fail;
The earth abides at thy command.

Thy word and works unmoved remain,
Thine ev'ry purpose to fulfill;
All things are thine and thee obey,
And all as servants wait thy will.

I should have perished in my woe
Had not I loved thy law divine;
That law I never can forget;
O save me, Lord, for I am thine.

The wicked would destroy my soul,
But in thy truth is refuge sure;
Exceeding broad is thy command,
And in perfection shall endure. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Almighty God and heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before your great majesty and confess that we have sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

All: Though you have blessed us with eternal riches in Christ, we have grieved you with our wicked thoughts, our sinful actions, and our careless words. We have sinned against you and our neighbors, and we are not worthy to be called your children. Forgive us, we pray.

Leader: Grant us faith to believe and not doubt that in Christ we have full salvation and eternal life. Give us the desire and power to do what pleases you and brings you glory.

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, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hebrews 10:11-14

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Psalm 15

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 706

Jesus Lives, and So Shall I

Jesus lives, and so shall I.
Death! thy sting is gone forever!
He who deigned for me to die,
Lives, the bands of death to sever.
He shall raise me from the dust:
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives and reigns supreme;
And, his kingdom still remaining,
I shall also be with him,
Ever living, ever reigning.
God has promised; be it must:
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and by his grace,
Vict'ry o'er my passions giving,
I will cleanse my heart and ways,
Ever to his glory living.
Me he raises from the dust:
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives! I know full well
Naught from him my heart can sever,
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell,
Joy nor grief, henceforth forever.
None of all his saints is lost:
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives and death is now
But my entrance into glory.
Courage, then, my soul, for thou
Hast a crown of life before thee;
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just:
Jesus is the Christian's trust. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 63. *Which is the fifth commandment?*

A. The fifth commandment is, “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.”

Q. 64. *What is required in the fifth commandment?*

A. The fifth commandment requires the preserving of the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to everyone in their various situations and relationships, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

Q. 65. *What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?*

A. The fifth commandment forbids the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty that belong to everyone in their various situations and relationships.

Q. 66. *What is the reason attached to the fifth commandment?*

A. The reason attached to the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God’s glory, and their own good) to all who keep this commandment.

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.

❖ *Tithes and offerings may be placed in the box at the entrance to the sanctuary, or given online through our church’s website.*

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*

Philippians 3:1-16

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 139:1-12])

Hymn 36

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Lord, thou hast searched me, and dost know
Where'er I rest, where'er I go;
Thou knowest all that I have planned,
And all my ways are in thy hand.

My words from thee I cannot hide;
I feel thy pow'r on every side;
O wondrous knowledge, awesome might,
Unfathomed depth, unmeasured height!

Where can I go apart from thee,
Or whither from thy presence flee?
In heav'n?—it is thy dwelling fair;
In death's abode?—lo, thou art there.

If I the wings of morning take,
And far away my dwelling make,
The hand that leadeth me is thine,
And my support thy pow'r divine.

If deepest darkness cover me,
The darkness hideth not from thee;
To thee both night and day are bright,
The darkness shineth as the light. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Rudy Manrique

“The Glory of the Creator-King”
Psalm 24

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 292

Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,
To search the mystery in heaven stored,
The knowledge of the Holy One adored?
Alleluia!

One King alone, whose hands and heart are pure,
One Servant of the Lord with purpose sure,
Can enter in that glory to endure.
Alleluia!

He only can ascend to God’s right hand
Who first came down as his high mercy planned;
True God and man has earth and heaven spanned.
Alleluia!

Before the clouds receive the King on high,
A cross lifts up his form against the sky;
The Framer of the worlds has come to die.
Alleluia!

He shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,
The King of glory, whose own blood out-poured
Paid that dear price that mercy did afford.
Alleluia! 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.

SERMON NOTES

“The Glory of the Creator-King” Psalm 24

1. Confessing the Creator-King (vv. 1-2)

The Lord is King because:

He is the Creator (v. 1)

Genesis 1:1, Psalm 100:3, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 26

He conquered the raging seas (v. 2)

Psalm 74:13, Genesis 2:2

2. Approaching the Creator-King (vv. 3-6)

Approaching the Creator-King requires:

Outward and inward perfection (vv. 3-4)

Ezekiel 28:13-16, Exodus 19:12, Leviticus 18:5

Dependence upon the grace of God (vv. 5-6)

Galatians 3:12, Romans 4:14-15

3. Glorifying the Creator-King (vv. 7-10)

Believers glorify the Creator-King because:

He is a triumphant warrior (vv. 7-8)

Exodus 15:3, John 19:16-18

He leads us in triumphal procession (vv. 9-10)

Ephesians 2:5-6, Philippians 3:14, 2 Corinthians 2:14

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, April 17

Scripture: Joshua 15:1-63; Luke 18:18-43; Psalm 86:1-17; Proverbs 13:9-10

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 23

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

Tuesday, April 18

Scripture: Joshua 16:1 - 18:28; Luke 19:1-27; Psalm 87:1-7; Proverbs 13:11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 52

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

Wednesday, April 19

Scripture: Joshua 19:1 - 20:9; Luke 19:28-48; Psalm 88:1-18; Proverbs 13:12-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 53

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Mali and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, April 20

Scripture: Joshua 21:1 - 22:20; Luke 20:1-26; Psalm 89:1-13; Proverbs 13:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 54

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

Friday, April 21

Scripture: Joshua 22:21 - 23:16; Luke 20:27-47; Psalm 89:14-37; Proverbs 13:17-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 55

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

Saturday, April 22

Scripture: Joshua 24:1-33; Luke 21:1-28; Psalm 89:38-52; Proverbs 13:20-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 56

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

Sunday, April 23

Scripture: Judges 1:1 - 2:9; Luke 21:29 - 22:13; Psalm 90:1 - 91:16; Proverbs 13:24-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 57

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

Scripture Reading and Opening Prayer

Hymn 87 “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Devotion

Hymn 719 “A Christian Home”

Prayers for the Manrique Family

Hymn 348 “Jesus, with Thy Church Abide”

Prayers for the Church Plant in Riverside

Hymn 669 “Commit Now All Your Grievs”

Prayers of Supplication

Hymn 56 “When All Your Mercies, O My God”

Closing Prayer