

WORSHIP SERVICE

November 3, 2024

Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
Psalm 33:8

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 98 (p. 820 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made his salvation known,

and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,

burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

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

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

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When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

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And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

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When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Father, we believe that your Word is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. Nothing and no one can hide from you.

All: The Tenth Commandment of your Law is, "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Leader: Father, we confess that we have broken this commandment. We have been discontent with what you have wisely and lovingly provided, and we have envied the possessions and circumstances of our neighbors.

All: Forgive us and renew in us a true sense of thanksgiving and gratitude for all that you have graciously provided, especially for the spiritual blessings we have in our Lord 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

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*

Exodus 11

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 358

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! 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 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*

Exodus 12:1-28

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 98])

Hymn 16

Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord

Come, let us sing unto the Lord
New songs of praise with sweet accord;
For wonders great by him are done,
His hand and arm have vict'ry won.

The great salvation of our God
Is seen through all the earth abroad;
Before the heathen's wond'ring sight
He has revealed his truth and right.

He called to mind his truth and grace
In promise made to Israel's race;
And unto earth's remotest bound
Glad tidings of salvation sound.

All lands, to God lift up your voice;
Sing praise to him, with shouts rejoice;
With voice of joy and loud acclaim
Let all unite and praise his name.

Praise God with harp, with harp sing praise,
With voice of psalms his glory raise;
With trumpets, cornets, gladly sing
And shout before the Lord, the King.

Let earth be glad, let billows roar
And all that dwell from shore to shore;
Let floods clap hands with one accord,
Let hills rejoice before the Lord.

For lo, he comes; at his command
All nations shall in judgment stand;
In justice robed and throned in light,
The Lord shall judge, dispensing right. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Christ Is the Lamb of God Who Takes Away Our Sins”
Exodus 11:1 - 12:28

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])

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

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, November 4

Scripture: Ezekiel 10:1 - 11:25; Hebrews 6:1-20; Psalm 105:16-36; Proverbs 27:1-2

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 5

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

Tuesday, November 5

Scripture: Ezekiel 12:1 - 14:11; Hebrews 7:1-17; Psalm 105:37-45; Proverbs 27:3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 3

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

Wednesday, November 6

Scripture: Ezekiel 14:12 - 16:41; Hebrews 7:18-28; Psalm 106:1-12; Proverbs 27:4-6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 4

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Suriname and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, November 7

Scripture: Ezekiel 16:42 - 17:24; Hebrews 8:1-13; Psalm 106:13-31; Proverbs 27:7-9

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 5

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

Friday, November 8

Scripture: Ezekiel 18:1 - 19:14; Hebrews 9:1-10; Psalm 106:32-48; Proverbs 27:10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 6

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

The Shepherd's Church Plant in Riverside and the Manrique Family.

Saturday, November 9

Scripture: Ezekiel 20:1-49; Hebrews 9:11-28; Psalm 107:1-43; Proverbs 27:11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 7

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

Sunday, November 10

Scripture: Ezekiel 21:1 - 22:31; Hebrews 10:1-17; Psalm 108:1-13; Proverbs 27:12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 8

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.

Ray & Michele Call in Belize

Dave Eby in Uganda

Christ Bible Institute in Japan

The Shepherd's Church in Riverside

LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

Israel did not experience God's wrath in the first nine judgment plagues that the Lord brought upon Pharaoh and Egypt. God had made a distinction between his people and the Egyptians. However, the tenth plague would be different. In order for Israel to be spared from this final judgment, they needed to trust God's provision of the lambs' blood and apply the blood to their homes as God had revealed. Anthony Selvaggio, in his book *From Bondage to Liberty*, writes:

Something was required to die on the night of the Passover. Death and the shedding of blood were required. The options for the Israelites were their firstborn sons or the blood of the lamb, but the fact that blood was required was not up for debate. By requiring a substituted sacrifice for their firstborn sons, God was teaching his people the concept of substitutionary atonement. This act of substitution, of course, foreshadows the work of Jesus in the New Testament. In fact, the connection is made explicit by John the Baptist, who, upon first seeing Jesus declared, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)...

The blood of the lamb was a physical sign that sealed the salvation of Israel from the judgment of the death of the firstborn. God often uses physical signs as seals of his promises to save his people from wrath. Circumcision served as such a sign in the old covenant economy. In the New Testament, the waters of baptism and the tangible symbolism of the elements of the Lord's Table serve similar functions. The Passover reminds us of the significance of the act of demarcating ourselves as being of the Lord through the means of grace that he has provided to us.

Questions:

1. Read Exodus 11 which summarizes the tenth judgment plague that God would bring upon Egypt. What are some of the themes in this chapter that have already come up in our study of Exodus? Why does God warn his people about the coming judgment, and how are we to respond?
2. Read Exodus 12:1-13 and 21-23. What are some of the details in the instructions God gives about the Passover that point to Christ? How do these specific details reveal the importance of worshipping God in the way he commands?
3. Read Exodus 12:14-20; 24-28. What things did God implement in order to help later generations know about his saving work? How are these same things present in Christianity today?
4. Spend time in prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. Use Psalm 46 or Psalm 54 if you need help phrasing your prayer.



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