

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 17, 2021

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 61 (p. 806 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint;

lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.

I long to dwell in your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

**For you have heard my vows, O God;
you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.**

Increase the days of the king's life, his years for many generations.

May he be enthroned in God's presence forever;

appoint your love and faithfulness to protect him.

Then will I ever sing praise to your name and fulfill my vows day after day.

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Almighty God and heavenly Father, we come to you in sorrow and frustration as we consider how we have sinned against you and others.

All: We confess that we have sinned against you by breaking your commandments and by wasting your good gifts to us. We have hurt others and ourselves by our sins, and we are not worthy to be called your children.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and grant us repentant hearts. Cause us to keep in step with the Holy Spirit and to live according to your revealed will in Scripture. Help us to do good to everyone, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

All: We pray 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

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Deuteronomy 7:1-11

Congregational Response

Hymn 650

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer, and his wondrous love to me:
On the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.

*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.*

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
In his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave.

*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.*

I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
How the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell.

*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.*

I will sing of my Redeemer and his heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be.

*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free. Amen.*

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 7. *What are the decrees of God?*

A. The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, by which, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Q. 8. *How does God execute his decrees?*

A. God executes his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

Q. 9. *What is the work of creation?*

A. The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

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*

Romans 5:1-11

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month)

Hymn 684

My Times Are in Thy Hand

My times are in thy hand;
My God, I wish them there;
My life, my friends, my soul, I leave
Entirely to thy care.

My times are in thy hand,
Whatever they may be;
Pleasing or painful, dark or bright,
As best may seem to thee.

My times are in thy hand;
Why should I doubt or fear?
My Father's hand will never cause
His child a needless tear.

My times are in thy hand,
Jesus the Crucified;
Those hands my cruel sins had pierced
Are now my guard and guide. Amen.

Profession of Faith

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Love of Jesus”
John 13:1-17

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 535

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o’er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o’er them from the throne.

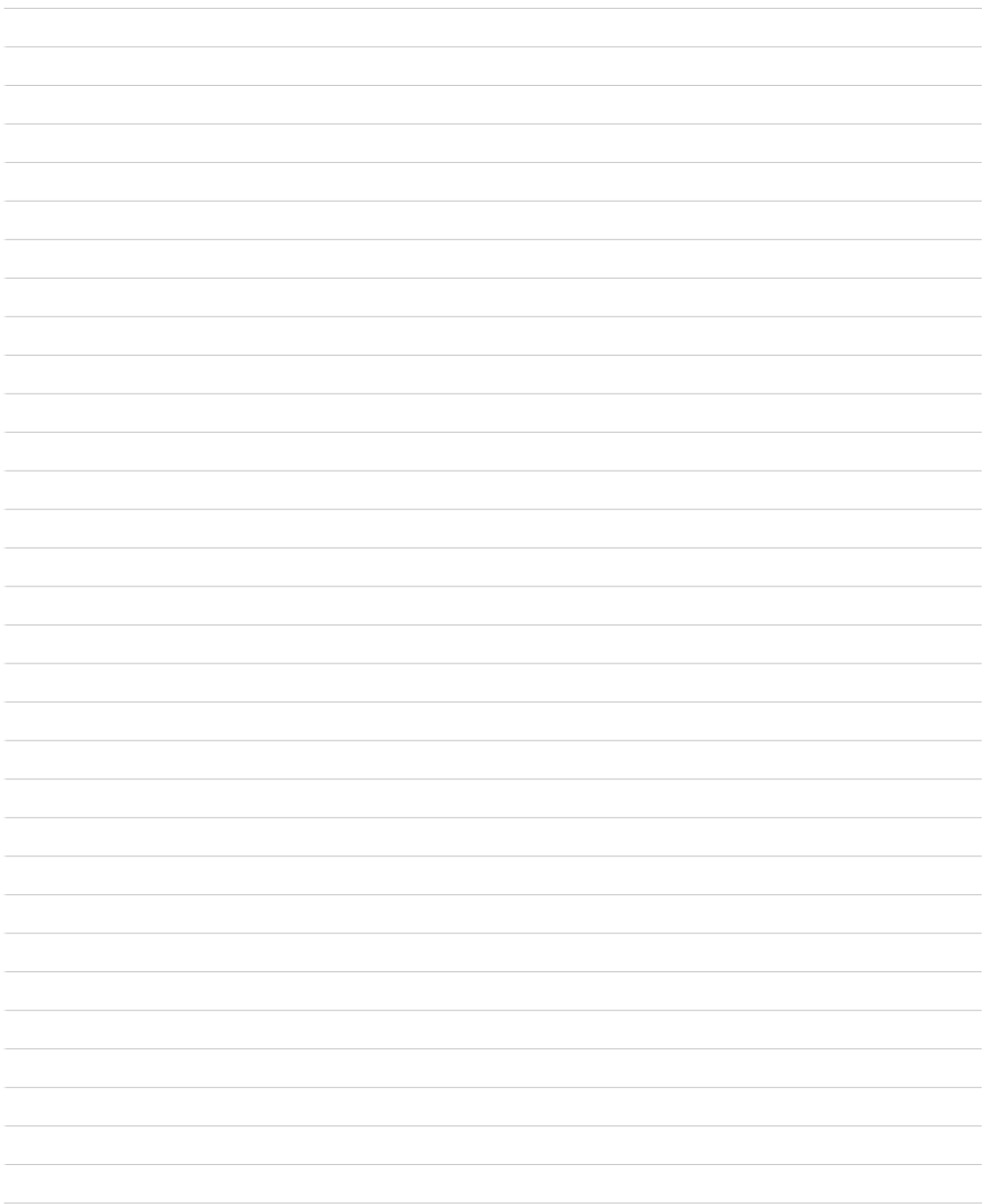
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev’ry love the best:
’Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
’Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
’Tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to TRINITY)

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore. Amen.



LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

When Jesus washed his disciples' feet, he was revealing that by his death on the cross, they would be cleansed from sin. In just a few hours, Jesus would face the horror of God's wrath for sin in the place of his people. Why was he willing to do this? We learn in John 13:1 that, "Having loved his own ... he loved them to the end." John Bunyan, in *The Saints' Knowledge of the Love of Christ*, takes us into the workings of Christ's love:

It is common for equals to love and for superiors to be beloved; but for the King of princes, for the Son of God, for Jesus Christ to love man thus: this is amazing, and that so much the more, for that man the object of his love is so low, so mean, so vile, so undeserving, and so inconsiderable, as by the Scriptures, everywhere he is described to be.

He is called God, the King of glory. But the persons of him beloved are called transgressors, sinners, enemies, dust and ashes, fleas, worms, shadows, vapors, vile, filthy, sinful, unclean, ungodly fools, madmen. And now is it not to be wondered at, and are we not to be affected herewith, saying, And will you set your eye upon such a one? But how much more when He will set his heart upon us?

Love in him is essential to his being. God is love; Christ is God; therefore Christ is love, love naturally. He may as well cease to be, as cease to love....

Love from Christ requires no taking beauteousness in the object to be beloved. It can act of and from itself, without all such kind of dependencies. The Lord Jesus sets his heart to love them.

1. Read John 13:1-17. What details in this passage reveal the humility that Jesus showed by washing his disciples' feet?
2. Compare John 13:1-3 and John 17:1-5. What do these passages reveal about Jesus' divine glory and the Covenant of Redemption that was made before creation among the Persons of the Godhead?
3. Why did Peter initially refuse to allow Jesus to wash his feet (verses 6-8)? What was Jesus' response to Peter? What does Jesus reveal about our need to be cleansed by him of our sin?
4. How does Jesus instruct his disciples to apply the lesson he just taught them (verses 12-17)?
5. What are some ways in which you will apply this lesson this week in your relationships with those in our church and with your neighbors?

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.
Use our church directory to pray for an individual or family each day.*

Monday, January 18

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

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 5

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

Tuesday, 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 99

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

Wednesday, 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 100

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

Thursday, 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 101

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

Friday, 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 102

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health needs.

Saturday, January 23

Scripture: Genesis 46:1 - 47:31; Matthew 15:1-28; Psalm 19:1-14; Proverbs 4:14-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 103

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

Sunday, January 24

Scripture: Genesis 48:1 - 49:33; Matthew 15:29 - 16:12; Psalm 20:1-9; Prov. 4:20-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 104

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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